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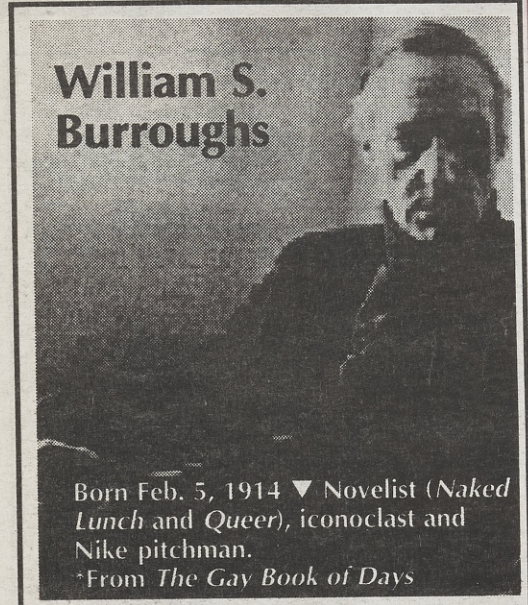

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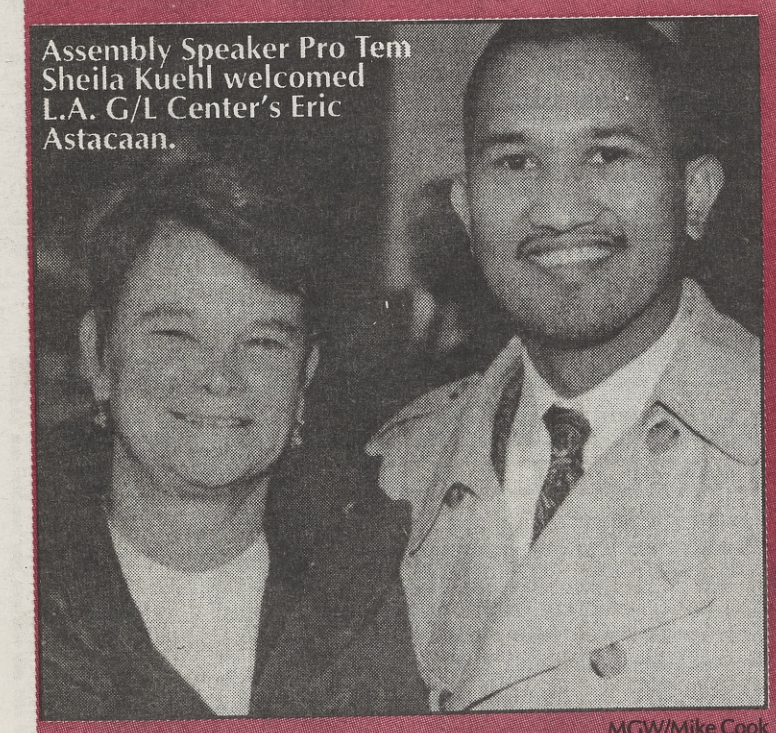

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Assemblywoman Carole Migden with Youth Lobby Day participants.

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Dear Editor,

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Cherie is a dedicated community activist and a lesbian. She brings vitality, honesty and courage to the streets of Oak Park. She would bring that sane energy to the halls of city government.

Besides, in light of recent flooding, Sacramento needs more dykes.

Sincerely,
John L. Simmons

Conquering the World?

Dear Editor,

I am writing on behalf of those who can't or won't, in response to the Dec. 1 "Point of View" piece by Michael Grasso. It's very easy for those who are "out" in the media/public eye to sit on their proverbial "high horses" waving their volunteer titles and quippy quotes at the rest of us, condemning us as "lazy".

It may be easy for some people to drop everything in their entire lives to sue major companies or branches of the government, but many of us have trouble finding the time to read any magazines or watch any television much less respond to every infinitesimal thing that bothers us.

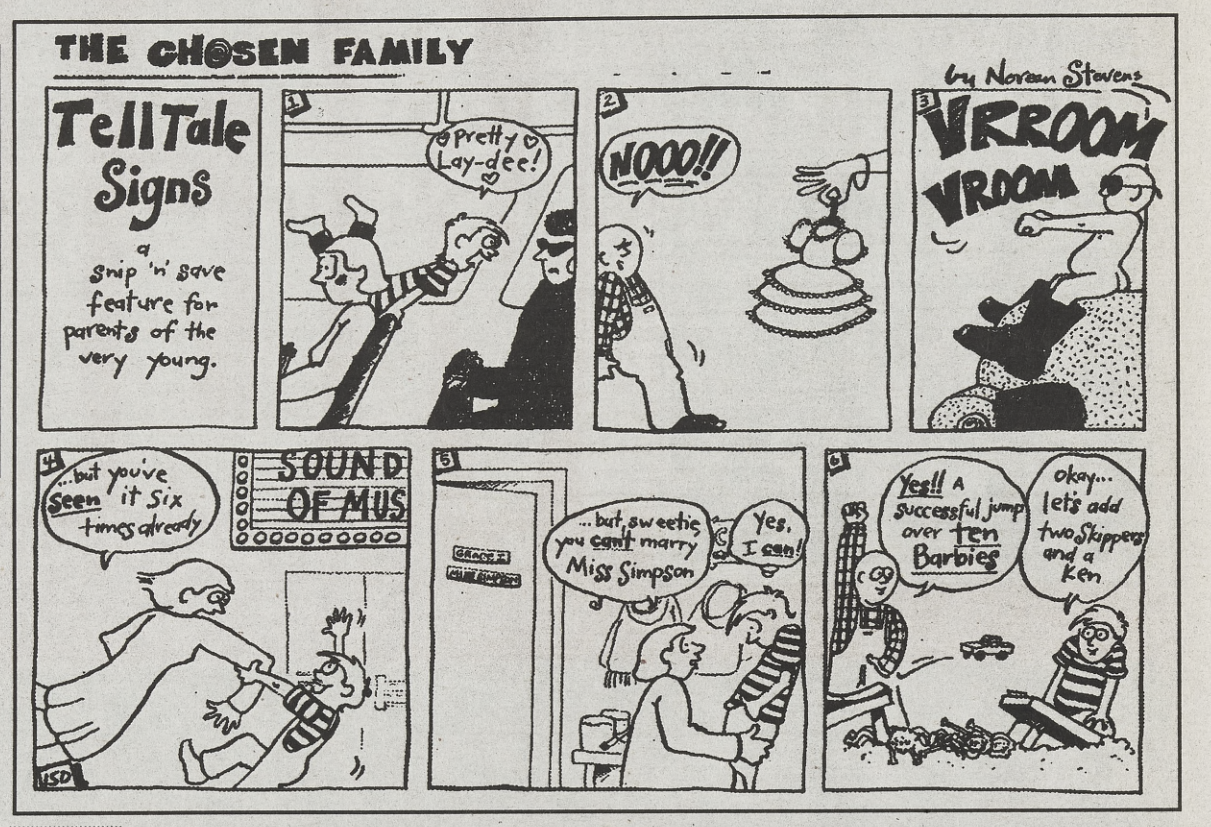
It's not that we don't feel any less angered or disturbed, but we have things that take precedent to organizing letter campaigns such as children, overwhelming workloads and unbreakable family obligations. Not all of us go to bars and discos.

Many of us have neither the time nor resources for volunteering, riding on floats or trying to remember the names of our high school teachers. Also, not all of us live in environments that allow us the freedom to speak our minds or be "out" without sometimes dire repercussions. So don't expect these people to be donating time or money to the Lambda Center or wearing "Silence = Death" T-Shirts to work anytime soon.

As for Telemarketers, what exactly is the correct term for someone managing a gay household? And if I'm not going to give these people my credit card number, why the hell would I give them information about my personal life?

Not all of us are able to go forth and conquer the world's lack of compassion, so we'll leave that to you and the Lambda Center and when we're ready to do our part, we'll let you know.

Respectfully,
Matthew Burlingame-Couk



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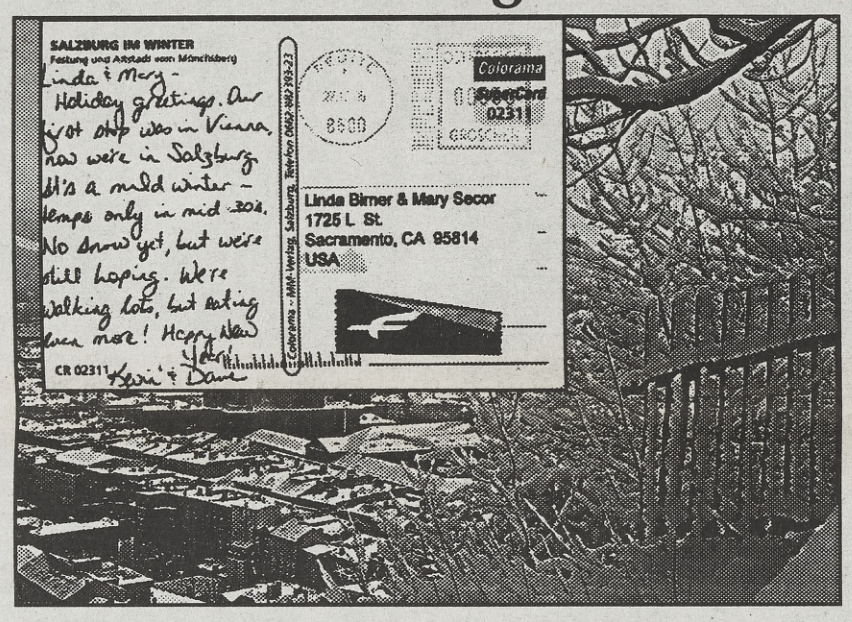
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Linda & Mary -
Holiday greetings. Our first stop was in Vienna, now we're in Salzburg. It's a mild winter - temps only in mid-30s. No snow yet, but we're still hoping. We're walking lots, but eating even more! Happy New Year!
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Stockton AM Station Queer Bashes

Dear Editor,

The appearance of Kevin Jennings—executive director of the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Teachers Network (GLSTN)--at the Modesto Junior College Thursday Jan. 23, made the radio, but not in the light I would have liked.

Rick Maynard and his Sidekick Tom on KFIV 1360 AM, poked fun at the event being a fundraiser. They intimated that Mr. Jennings was less than a man, saying "man or boy or whatever he is, will be there."

A little later, I turned the radio on again and Rick and Tom were going on about the Oakland School Board and Ebonics. They informed their listeners that despite the protests of many people in the audience, the Board had passed the plan. Then one of the two hosts asked, "Doesn't that remind you of the Modesto School Board voting against the wishes of a majority of the audience to send teachers to that gay and lesbian conference in the Bay Area? They just voted the way they wanted and not like the people at the meeting wanted them to. They need to listen to their employers, the taxpayers."

They also asked one another if "only white teachers will be trained will be trained in Ebonics, since the black teachers obviously don't need to be taught any of it."

The next part of the show began as one host mentioned that he'd received an e-mail that a school district in Encino had accepted a Jewish-English as a second language. This was reported as a fact, when it was actually a joke. Then, using stereotypical, vaudevillian style dialects they proceeded to read examples of the Jewish "Hebronics".

I hope that if either of these guys ever has a child who is gay or lesbian, that they remember all the bashing they were doing for good ratings when they come to PFLAG [Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays] or GLSTN for assistance.

Send them a letter or phone to let them know we don't approve of the disrespect they show for individuals and groups of different cultures and lifestyles.

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Speaker Pro Tem, Appropriations Chair Have Contrasting Styles

The Dynamic Duo: Kuehl and Migden Wield Power in New California Assembly

by Stephen Kulieke
MGW/Executive Editor

When hundreds of gay and lesbian youth stormed the Capitol Jan. 15 for the second annual Youth Lobby Day, they were met by two of their own--Assemblywomen Sheila Kuehl (D-Santa Monica) and Carole Migden (D-San Francisco).

The two lesbian legislators have assumed unprecedented power in the new 1996-97 Assembly. With the state's lower house again controlled by Democrats as a result of last November's elections, Kuehl and Migden were both appointed to coveted leadership spots: Kuehl to the highly visible job of speaker pro tem and Migden to the powerful position of chair of the Appropriations Committee.

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Assemblywomen Carole Migden and Sheila Kuehl share a light moment in the Capitol.

A.G. Block, editor of *California Journal*, a widely-respected monthly covering California government and politics, characterized the two leaders as "both very capable but very different in approach and personality." Drawing an analogy to two of California's most powerful black elected officials--and former state legislators-- Block said: "Sheila Kuehl would be Willie Brown and Carole Migden [would be] Maxine Waters." (Waters is now a congresswoman and Brown mayor of San Francisco.)

According to the the *California Journal*, Kuehl "may be the smartest person in the Capitol." Kuehl is a former television actress (the irrepressible Zelda on "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis"), a pioneering civil rights lawyer and law professor. She served her first term in the highly contentious 1995-96 Assembly that saw the end of the 14-year reign of then Speaker Willie Brown and the mad scramble that followed to replace him, with the Republicans eventually winning clear control. In that highly partisan and rancorous atmosphere, Kuehl earned points from Democrats and Republicans alike for her even-handedness and fairness. Rep. Jim Cuneen (R-Campbell), a Republican moderate, said that Kuehl is one of the few Assembly members who understand that "soft words and hard arguments" are the best way to get your point across. Like Kuehl, Cuneen was elected in 1994 and was able to forge a "working relationship with her early on." Cuneen told *MGW* that he admires Kuehl for her "wit and wisdom. I look forward to that being conveyed in her duties as speaker pro tem."

> *"Sheila Kuehl would be Willie Brown and Carole Migden {would be} Maxine Waters."*
> -California Journal Editor A.G. Block

In her job as speaker pro tem, Kuehl may be the most visible lesbian or gay state legislator in the country. Kuehl notes that she is part of the Assembly's leadership team--consisting of the speaker, the speaker pro tem, the majority leader, and the caucus chair and whips.

Her primary responsibility is to preside over the house when the speaker is absent, which Kuehl says is "historically 85 per cent of the time. The primary job is to move bills through the house, making sure all members adhere to rules of parliamentary procedure and inquiry, privilege, and points of order," Kuehl told *MGW*. She said the most important skills are "firmness and humor."

Kuehl is the first woman and the first lesbian to serve as speaker pro tem.

She said that as a symbol of decorum and open debate, she'll be "able to show the country that a woman can do this, and that a lesbian person is respected enough to do this."

California Journal's Block noted that historically, the power exercised by the speaker pro tem depends on how much the speaker himself--in this case Speaker Cruz Bustamente (D-Fresno)--cares to delegate. Some previous speaker pro tems have wielded significant power, others less so.

"The [speaker pro tem] position is largely ceremonial but very visible--up there on TV running the house most of the time. The power that accrues to it is not inherent in the position itself but whatever the speaker chooses to bestow,"said Block.

Some say Migden's role as chair of Appropriations carries more clout than Kuehl's.

"Migden's [appointment] is much more substantive," observed Block. "Every bill from both houses that appropriates any money at all goes through that committee except the [state] budget," said Block. "She'll have her hand in everyone else's legislation."

Migden herself is not shy about touting her new responsibility: A press release issued by her office announcing her appointment said the Appropriations Committee chair post "is regarded as second in importance only to the Speaker of the Assembly."

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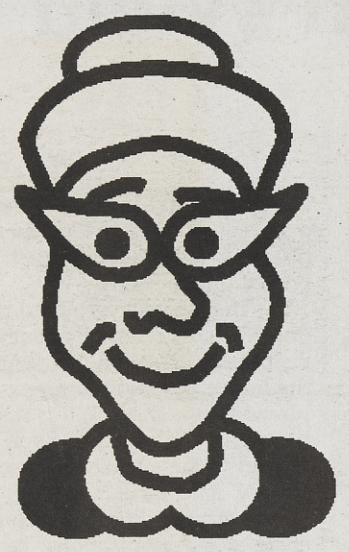

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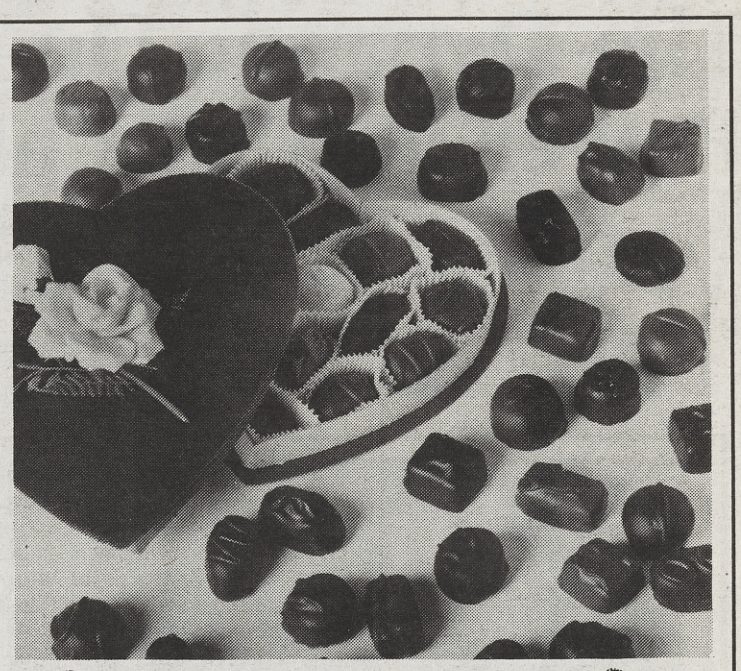

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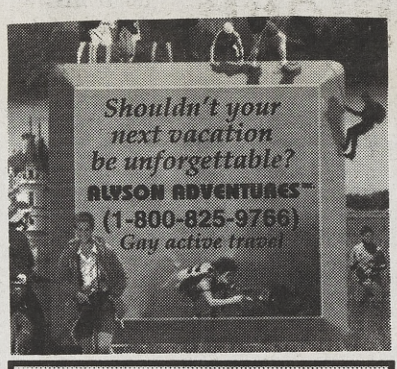

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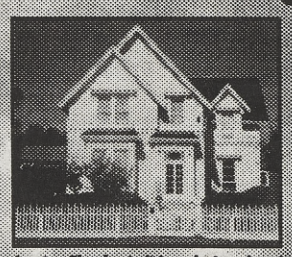

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by John Boubion
MGW/Staff

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In the shadow of Sacramento State University, I'm going to confess that I was a UC Davis Aggie. I will also admit a favorite pastime while a student there: pondering the subtleties of the quadratic reciprocity law while sipping Hubsch (hoopsch) Brau beer at arguably the best brewery in the Sacramento valley: Sudwerk's Brewery & Grill, at the edge of downtown Davis. Unfortunately, since graduation, I've scarcely been back. But, since June, Sudwerk's has opened a new facility on Exposition Boulevard in what used to be Charlie Brown's. Memory lane, here I come!

I arrived with my friend, Chris, who always sits at a bar or cocktail table when dining (where's Freud when you need him?). On our way to his tryst with said cocktail table (whom he had never met before), my memories instantly washed away. Not only is this restaurant completely unlike the Davis venue (except for the booths near the bar), I was hard put to see any resemblance to the previous owner, Charlie Brown's.

Sudwerk's has totally remodeled and gutted this establishment, for the better. It's one of the most "hubsch" grill & bars I've seen in a while ("hubsch," meaning "handsome" in German–it's also the family name of Sudwerk's founders). They added a patio, cut through brick to create archways, created windows to lighten up the bar area, replaced the bar, had Tiffany lights installed in the dining rooms, put in beautifully stained oak and mahogany tables, and essentially painted, chiseled, and texturized everything. If you haven't visited yet, you won't believe your eyes. It has a modern, European flair, and an impressively high ceiling I hardly noticed with the previous owners. Go just for the ambience!Or, go for the best Marzen beer this side of Mount Diablo, a delicious basket of Pilsner Beer Battered Onion Rings ($4.95), and a hefty, one-third pound Hubsch Hamburger ($6.75 with peppered bacon and cheddar) served with fries. I'd say the Marzen is even better than Gordon Biersch's in the Bay Area. Chris and I ordered the pint ($2.00 during happy hour, and $3.00 otherwise), but you can get it in a 0.3 liter, and a 'please don't drive after drinking this' 1.0 liter mug. They also brew a bunch of other beers at the facility, such as Hefeweizen, Pilsner, Dunkel, and more.

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The burger is excellent, and you can order it any way you like (don't you get tired of cremated patties?). If you're looking for more formal fare, you have a lot of choices here: herbed, roasted chicken with mashed potatoes ($8.95) , crab cakes ($10.25), even traditional German dishes including schnitzel–breaded, sauteed pork with a sherry mushroom sauce, served with vegetables and German potato salad ($10.50). They also offer pizzas, pastas, specialty salads, you name it. Sudwerk's has something for everybody, plus a kids menu.

For me, I'll probably stick with the rings and things (I need a safe haven in which to relive my poverty stricken, burger-mentality college days). Then again, things haven't changed much on my school teacher's salary. Maybe next time I'll get extravagant and order a Caesar salad to boot–as long as I'm taking advantage of the happy hour beer prices, from 3-6pm, weekdays!▼

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Ellen's Closet May Be Closing Shut

ABC Television may be slamming shut *Ellen's* closet door forever, by putting the sitcom on hiatus during March and April. ABC Entertainment President Jamie Tarses said the network has yet to decide whether a coming-out episode (which has not yet been taped) will air. Radical religious groups are taking advantage of this unfortunate turn of events by mounting an unprecedented campaign of pressure against ABC and Disney. Following Tarses' statement, Ellen Morgan sang her way out of the closet during the Jan. 10 taping of the show. In the episode, Ellen attends a rock 'n' roll fantasy camp, where she performs a song which she penned, called "I'm Scared of Being Afraid." In the third take of the song, the Morgan character crooned, "So here's what I have to say.....And by the way, I'm gay! It's okay!" As the studio audience cheered, she ended the song with the refrain "I'm gay! I'm gay! I'm gay!." A spokesperson for *Ellen* indicated that the take was unscripted and spontaneous, and would not air. On Jan. 14, the radical religious American Family Association released a demand that Disney follow the AFA's hate agenda and force Ellen Morgan to stay in her closet.

Do not let religious radicals control what you watch on television.

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A bigger-hair, closeted *Ellen:* Is this what ABC wants?

Out at Work, Texas-Style

The Jan. 10 edition of the *Houston Chronicle* featured an engaging article on coming out in the workplace. Author L.M. Sixel describes several gay men and their decisions to come out--or stay in the closet--at their jobs. "The decision to 'come out' at work is a tough one, experts say. Many gays and lesbians worry they will be ostracized by their co-workers or that it will harm potential advancement..." Sixel notes. "But sometimes they figure it's more important to be up front and let their colleagues know they have same-sex relationships." One man, Dale Carpenter, works for one of Houston's biggest law firms and came out during the job offer so there would not be trouble later. Another, an engineer at an oil company, does not want anyone to know, "because he works with too many insensitive people. Some make cruel jokes about gays; others just point and whisper," the author says.

However, the article ends on an hopeful note, saying that, "Generally if you have a good relationship with our bosses and co-workers, that will continue once you make your sexual orientation known. People tend to be more tolerant when they realize they know someone who's gay and that he doesn't have two heads."

Let the *Houston Chronicle* know that the article is appreciated, and encourage them to give the issue more inclusive coverage in the future: no lesbians were interviewed so the article failed to explore what can be a different set of issues for women coming out on the job.

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Hawaii Paper Hits Courts on Same-Sex Marriage

David Shapiro, managing editor for the *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*, wrote a Jan. 4 editorial claiming that same-sex marriage is not about civil rights and shouldn't be legalized through the judicial system. "The biggest fallacy of this debate is that gay marriage is a civil rights issue that must be decided by the courts". "Nonsense. If it's such a pressing civil rights matter, why isn't it a serious issue in any other state? It's simply a public policy matter that needs to be decided by Hawaii voters and their elected representatives." He suggests that if the state's high court rules in favor of same-sex marriage, then the people should pass a constitutional amendment to define marriage solely as between one man and one woman. "Voter's narrowly approved a constitutional convention in the last election," he says "but special interests are challenging the vote in court".

Shapiro is apparently unaware of the central role the judicial system plays in protecting civil right and liberties, particularly when they are not supported by the majority of the people. The overturning of laws, barring interracial marriage, and a host of voters rights issues have been resolved by the court sometimes in direct opposition to the majority view. In 1967, when the U.S. Supreme Court's Loving v. Virginia ended all anti-miscegenation laws, interracial marriage was less popular than same-sex marriage is today.

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The Gospel According to E.J.

In the Jan. 9 *Arizona Republic*, E.J. Montini wrote a column entitled, "So Sayeth the Bible," in which the author challenges the ways radical religious groups selectively use the Bible to suit their own anti-gay agenda. Montini focuses on state legislator, Rep. Karen Johnson (R-Mesa), and her attempts to ban gay organizations from public schools and universities and declare sodomy a Class 6 felony. Montini says, " Her Bible tells her that homosexuality is an abomination, gays are sinners, if not criminals. Johnson may be an elected official, but she follows what she'd call a 'higher law'....I differ with Johnson not because she's a zealot who goes too far, but because she's a zealot who doesn't go far enough." Montini suggests that Johnson feels she is interpreting the Bible literally. "If Johnson truly believes what she says, she'll also push for a law prescribing the death penalty, as the Bible does, for anyone who works on the Sabbath [and demand] that a person who commits adultery be stoned to death." Montini notes that as a woman, Rep. Johnson is herself at odds with her guiding text. According to Timothy, 2:11-12 "'Let a woman learn in silence with all submissiveness', and not 'teach or have authority over men; she is to keep silent'".

Contact: Pam Johnson, Managing Editor, *Arizona Republic*, P.O. Box 2244. Phoenix, AZ, 85002. fax: (602)271-8933, e-mail: opinions@aol.com▼

Casper, The Friendly Editorial

An editorial in the Jan. 12 edition of the *Casper* (Wyoming) *Star-Tribune* celebrated the state's constitutionally enshrined emphasis on equality while lambasting state House and Senate members who have pre-filed anti-gay marriage legislation (HB 94). According to the state constitution, it says, "Legislation that would deny same-sex couples access to the marital status and its concomitant rights and benefits clearly discriminates on the basis of sex." Quoting Loving v Virginia, the U.S. Supreme Court ruling on miscegenation law, the editorial notes that marriage is considered a vital personal right essential to the pursuit of happiness.

In a time when states across the country are considering anti-same-sex marriage laws, this rational and level-headed response to the hysterical homophobia brings the central issue of same-sex marriage--ensuring civil rights and equal treatment under the law-- into sharp focus.

Contact: Hugh Jackson, Deputy Editor, *Casper Star-Tribune*, 170 Star Lane, Casper, Wyoming 82604-2883, fax: (307) 266-0568, e-mail: ed@trib.com.▼

San Francisco Chronicle Covers Gay Asylum Issues

In the Jan. 13 *San Francisco Chronicle*, a front-page story highlighted a host of situations in which lesbians and gay men are seeking political asylum in the U.S. "Even as the federal and state governments take steps to restrict immigration and halt the flow of foreigners arriving here illegally," it states, "a growing number of gays and lesbians are applying for--and winning--political asylum because of persecution based on their sexual orientation." The story explains how in 1994, Attorney General Janet Reno issued a memo declaring that the Immigration and Naturalization Service and immigration judges should begin to recognize sexual orientation as a legitimate class for protection from political persecution. Since then, the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission and other groups have seen success in protecting the rights of those seeking asylum from torture, rape, and abuse experienced in countries around the globe.

By opening examination of lesbian and gay asylum issues, the *Chronicle* brings attention to an important issue of social justice.

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SAC-GALPAC Holds Police Forum

The Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Police Advisory Committee (SAC-GALPC) held its second annual Gay and Lesbian Police Community Forum on Jan. 16 at the Lambda Community Center.

The forum presented an opportunity to discuss improving communications between law enforcement and the g/l community. The first forum was initiated by *Mom Guess What Newspaper* and the Sacramento Police Department; it was well attended with diverse representation from embers of all communities.

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Deputy Chief Larry Gibbs of the Sacramento Police Department confers with Sgt. Cara Westin and California Highway Patrol Officers Montey Hensley and Glen Glaser at the Jan. 16 forum.

SAC-GALPAC was formed as a result of last year's forum and in March of 1996, the first committee meeting was held. Today the committee is comprised of members of the g/l community and representatives of the Sacramento Police Department. The mission of SAC-GALPAC is: to work in partnership with law enforcement agencies and our community to provide a forum to discuss law enforcement-related issues; share information and attempt to resolve conflicts between agencies and individuals; and to work to promote solutions for neighborhood problems.▼

Business Group Announces Direct Mail Promotion

Sacramento's Lesbian & Gay Business Alliance (LGBA) has announced its first attempt at a direct mail program to the area's gays & lesbians. The alliance says it's a great opportunity to reach potential clients and customers. For $100, LGBA will mail or distribute 5,000 1/3 page coupons/ads for each participant.

Under the plan, 3,000 coupon ads will be mailed to L/G and gay friendly people in the area; the other 2,000 packets will be distributed to local bars, bookstores and other appropriate places.

If you have a G/L mailing list, LGBA would like to add those names to their list. Computer discs of names in ANCII delimited format are preferred although any format is acceptable.

Each ad participant will need to print their own three-to-a-page ad. LGBA encourages the use of colored paper, colored ink, pictures and other advertising attention grabbers. Ad hints: Use coupons for discounts, have a number where someone can call to get a free article on what you do or some specialty in your area of expertise, time-sequenced tear-off coupons, something that someone can get for free that adds value, use pictures and words that create urgency, lead people to act or call.

If $100 seems a bit much, consider sharing with another advertiser. A 1/6 page ad would cost $50 to reach 5000 people. Gabriela Christman of Gabe Unlimited has agreed to coordinate any shared space ads. Info: 553-4401▼

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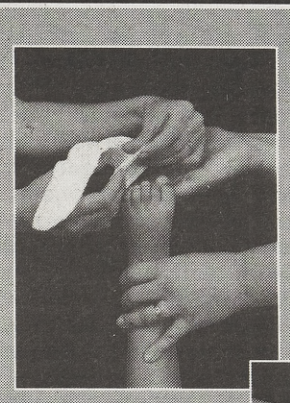

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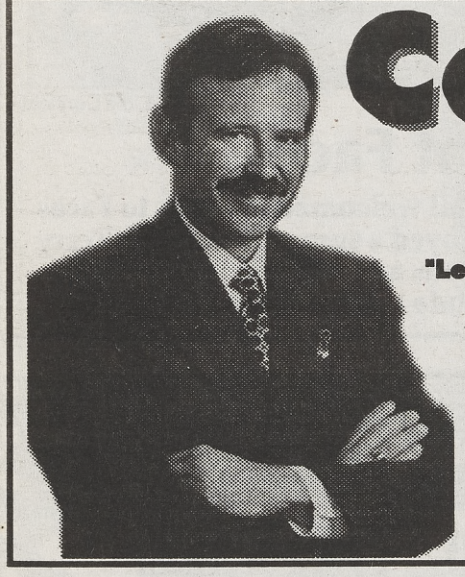

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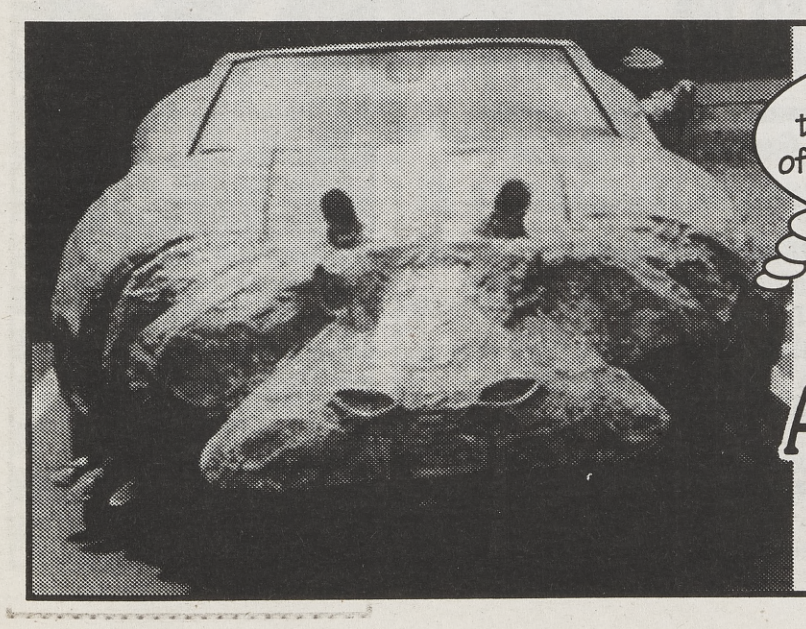

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Citrus Hts Comm. Plan. Adv. Council	open filing	5 residents of area
City & County Solid Waste Adv Comm / LTF	open filing	1 environmental rep.
Cosumnes Area Comm. Plan. Adv. Coun.	open filing	8 residents of area
County Service Area #4B	open filing	2 residents of area
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Galt-Arno Cemetery District	open filing	1 resident of area
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Sac Metropolitan Arts Commission	open filing	1 community member
Sac Sports Commission	open filing	4 members-at-large (one of whom must be female)
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Subdivision Review Committee	1/27/97 - 2/7/97	1 member

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Commission/Committee	Opens/Closes	Positions
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Gay Church Leader to Visit Feb. 9

Rev. Elder Troy D. Perry, moderator of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC), will speak Feb. 9 at the gay denomination's Sacramento church.

Rev. Perry will be on hand for the 10:45 a.m. service at the River City Metropolitan Community Church's Cathedral of Promise. The theme of Rev. Perry's message will be "*Vision*...For the Next Generation."

Rev. Perry is in the midst of a tour of congregations across the country to announce the acquisition of a $3.8 million building complex in the heart of West Hollywood's gay/lesbian community as part of a strategy for continued rapid expansion of the denomination. The new facilities will be the UFMCC Global Headquarters and Spiritual Center, and the home of the historic "Mother Church," MCC Los Angeles.

UFMCC is an international Christian denomination which, while open to all, primarily serves people in the gay and lesbian community. The denomination, founded by Rev. Perry in 1958, now numbers 300 congregations in 19 countries worldwide, including River City MCC. The UFMCC is reportedly the largest organization of any kind serving lesbians and gays in the world.▼

Lesbian Achievement Awards Announced

The fifth annual benefit dinner and awards ceremony to honor "Lesbians of Achievement, Vision and Action" (LAVA) will be held on Saturday March 22, 6 p.m., at the Grand Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Embarcadero Hotel, San Francisco. The 1997 LAVA honorees are: Asian lesbian activist Crystal Jang, lesbian pioneers and partners Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, and women's health care advocate Kate O'Hanlan, MD.

"Our aim is to honor those people in our community who have enhanced the image, empowerment or understanding of lesbians," said Betsy York, Founder and LAVA 1997 Co-Chair, with Maureen O'Leary. "Over 550 people attended the benefit event last year and through 'A Fund Of Our Own,' over $174,000 has been distributed since 1989."

The LAVA awards are given in recognition of achievement in one or more areas including arts, athletics, business, community service, crafts, education, government, health care, law, philanthropy, politics, sciences, spirituality and the trades.

Previous honorees include: Roberta Achtenberg, Barbara Cameron, Deborah Chasnoff, Gwenn Craig, Maria Cora, Judy Dlugacz, Tracy Gary, Happy/L.A. Hyder, Ruth Mahaney, Trinity Ordona, Adele Prandini, Shoshana Rosenberg, Lisbet Tellefen, Helen Vozenilek and Doreena Wong.

Info: (510) 843-8048.▼

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Phyllis Lyon, second from left, and Del Martin, right, pictured above with Jean K. Quam and Dr. Shevy Healey will be honored at the 5th Annual LAVA Benefit in San Francisco March 22.

AIDS Group Reaps Benefits at Macy's

The Sacramento AIDS Foundation (SAF) was one of the leading beneficiaries of the Dec. 4 Benefit Shopping Day at Macy's Downtown Plaza store, receiving over $7,000 from the fundraising event.

SAF sold over 600 tickets to the event, second only to the Children's Home Society among the 70 participating Sacramento nonprofit organizations. (Ticket buyers could apply the cost of the ticket toward purchases at Macy's or simply donate the ticket purchase price to the organization.) In addition to the money made from ticket sales, SAF received a $1,142 from Macy's as a bonus award.

According to SAF, the funds raised will be used for AIDS education and prevention.▼

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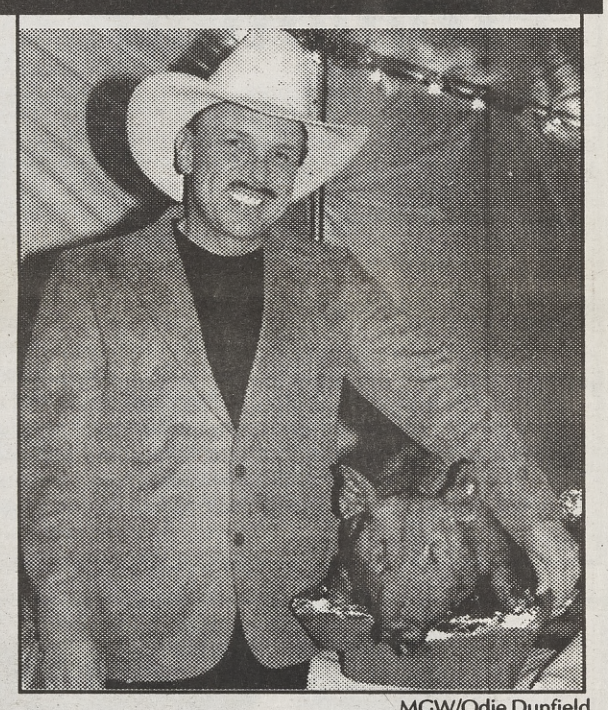

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Under the Big Top Tent at Faces

Owner Terry Sidie and manager Mickey Mitchell welcomed revelers to Faces for a Bacchanalian New Year's party. Guests enjoyed a sumptous buffet (Terry proudly displays the roasted pig), free champagne, and a $1,000 balloon drop, with part of the proceeds benefitting the Lambda Community Center.▼

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Jason Gould: A Naked Son of a Funny Girl

by Jerry Semas
MGW/Staff

High praise is being bestowed at various private screenings of **Jason Gould's** 15-minute short film ***Inside Out***, not only for its quality but for its daring, fictional portrayal of Gould's alleged outing in the media. The film looks at the son of two celebrities who finds himself in the unenviable position of being a supermarket tabloid coverboy in a story of his "marriage" to a male model. Jason's real-life father, **Elliot Gould**, portrays his dad though mom **Barbra Streisand** does not appear. One scene features Jason at a support group for children of celebrities which is facilitated by Christina Crawford, daughter of the late Joan Crawford. ("Tina! Get me a Group Hug!") The film's conclusion has Jason, on rollerblades, being chased by paparazi in Venice. He eventually gives up and turns the tables by doing a striptease and drops his drawers to moon them.▼▼▼

A hopeful candidate for various gay/lesbian film festivals is the Greek/French film *Cavafy* which looks at the life of 19th Century Greek poet, C.P. Cavafy. The film explores his complicated relationship with his mother and his early initiation into the seedy Constantinople nightlife of older men on the hunt for younger boys.▼▼▼

Among the companies pushing products at the recent NAPTE convention were VH1 with **"The RuPaul Show,"** London's Polygram International with the **Elton John documentary "Tantrums and Tiaras,"** and Germany's Cobra Films with the comedic love story **"Regular Guy"** about a cop, an investigator and a gay teen.▼▼▼

Some of the more interesting things recently going on in London's West End theater district: Mark Ravenhill's play called *Shopping and Fucking* and another work called *I Licked a Slag's Deodorant*. ***Bent* author Martin Sherman's *Some Sunny Day*** has been getting high praise from critics and audiences alike.▼▼▼

As a result of a stupendous response to a fall production at the **David Geffen Playhouse,** many Hollywood faces have been inquiring about the film rights for **Doug Wright's play *Quills*.** Although the central character, the Marquis de Sade appears naked through most of the play, the film version will likely be altered for greater marketability. The recent L.A. production featured **Howard Hessman ("WKRP in Cincinnati") as the Marquis**, and no, that wasn't a microphone hanging from his belt!▼▼▼

For those inquiring minds still wondering, the film version of **Tony Kushner's *Angels in America*** is no closer to production. The word is that **Robert Altman** walked away when producers insisted he combine both *Millennium Approaches* and *Perestroika* into one film.▼▼▼

Filming has started in Ireland on the film ***Sweeney Todd*.** While not based on the famed musical, this version from **director John Schlesinger** (*Midnight Cowboy*) is the true tale of the "Demon Barber of Fleet Street." Oscar winner **Ben Kingsley** has the lead role opposite **"Ab Fab's Joanna Lumley.** The project is planned for airing this year on **Showtime**▼▼▼

Dermot Mulroney (*Longtime Companion*), **Ellen DeGeneres** and **Patricia Arquette** (Alex's sister) are in the soon-to-open Warner Brothers film, ***Goodbye Lover*.** Don't read more into it because of the word lover in the title. Patricia, in real life is married to Nicholas Cage, plays a very sexually active wife who does things like call her husband at work for phone sex, ties up her brother-in-law for a hot, leather liaison, and seduces a priest in a confession booth. No word on what or if **Ellen** has anything to do with these activities but you can catch her as the **host** of the **1997 Grammy Awards airing on CBS Feb. 26.**▼▼▼

Tilda Swinton, star of the gender-switching film *Orlando*, stars with **Amy Madigan** and **Frances Fisher in *Female Perversions*.** Tilda plays a successful woman with intense dreams, fantasies and flashbacks that involve bondage, humiliation and hooded figures.▼▼▼

In other bits of casting news: **Margaret Cho** joins **John Travolta** and **Nicholas Cage** in **John Woo's** next project ***Face Off*. Oliver Stone** wants **Sean Penn** as the lead in his planned biographical film of ***Alexander the Great*.** SEAN PENN? Oh God! Were there no other overrated , unattractive actors left in Hollywood? Oliver must not know that Tori Spelling has a brother.▼▼▼

John Waters is working on his next project which is called ***Pecker*.** Now get your mind out of the gutter--that's John's job. It's about a boy, nicknamed Pecker, who works at a deli and likes to take photos of his off-beat family. One day a New York art dealer sees something in the boy's work and aims to make his new protege a Big Apple star. I'll give away one secret: He's called Pecker because of the way he picked at his food as a child.▼▼▼

The film version of **Vito Russo's *The Celluloid Closet*** is now available on videotape, for as much as $100 through some sources.▼▼▼

Producers Mort Kasman and Harold Rand have acquired the film rights to **Charles Busch's *Swingtime Canteen*.** There is talk of Busch reprising his lead role in this salute to the great gals and pals of those World War II entertainment and social clubs.▼▼▼

If you missed **Liza Minnelli** filling in for **Julie Andrews in *Victor/Victoria*** don't fret--her performance got trashed anyway. If you are a diehard **Liza** fan you can catch her at **San Francisco Davies Symphony Hall May 28-30.**▼▼▼

Ang Lee, director of *The Wedding Banquet*, has **Kevin Kline and Sigourney Weaver** in his next picture. Titled ***The Ice Storm*,** it offers sexual seduction in an affluent, 1970s Connecticut suburb.▼▼▼

I bet you missed out on **Comedy Central's holiday spoof of *It's a Wonderful Life*** called "Escape from a Wonderful Life." Actually, so did the rest of the nation. The special used actual footage of the Jimmy Stewart classic with new dialogue ala "Mystery Science Theatre 3000." The show was cancelled to ensure corporate harmony since Republic Pictures, which owns the film, and Comedy Central are both owned by Viacom Cable. The spoof was to portray George Bailey and friends facing such modern day issues as cocaine addiction, sexual promiscuity, and gay lifestyles. Maybe next year, the same group can get together on a Dicken's tale.▼▼▼

▼ ENDQUOTE ▼

"I'd like to have children. Although sometimes I think another great thing about being gay is that I haven't got them. Sometimes I'll go to a friend's house, and they've got these eight year-olds screaming all over the place and I think, 'Thank God I'm gay.'"--**Neil Tennant of the Pet Shop Boys.**

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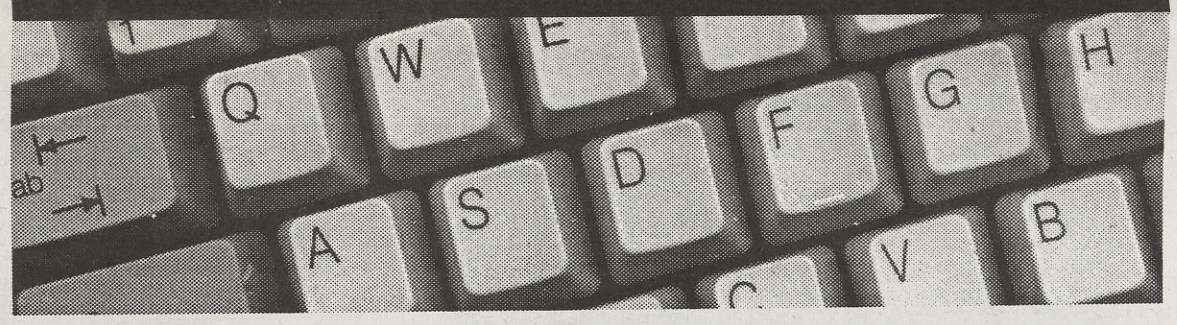

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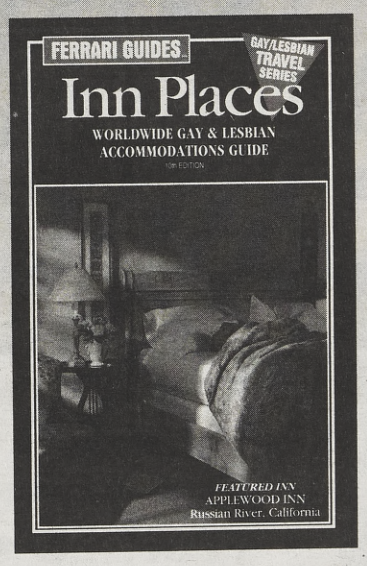

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Women's Chorus Celebrates First Decade with March 1 Concert

The Sacramento Women's Chorus: Ten memorable years of music and empowerment.

On March 1, the Sacramento Women's Chorus (SWC) will commemorate 10 years of service to women and the community at large with a gala dinner and concert at St. Ignatius Parish Center on Arden Way. The concert will honor the proud past and exciting present day of SWC. Founding directors and members will be on hand for the festivities, and a combined chorus of present singers and SWC alumnae will premiere four original compositions by Ruth Huber, the director of the newly formed Silicon Valley Women's Chorus.

Like the birth of most inventions and discoveries, the Sacramento's Women's Chorus (SWC) began in several simultaneous steps, reflecting the readiness for a chorus in this community. In the 1970s, a group of women were meeting regularly in each other's homes singing for the pure joy of making music together. In December 1986, while at the Snow White Ball, singer/songwriter Sandy Nance and pianist Dorothy Mason realized there were enough interested singers in our community to create a performing chorus. In March 1987, the chorus held its first singing session at the home of Billie Hamilton who then directed the first public performance in August 1987. The event was a benefit for Women Escaping A Violent Environment (WEAVE).

In 1988, Martie Rader became the director of the chorus with Dorothy continuing as the accompanist. The chorus enjoyed performing show tunes and choral arrangements of a wide variety of musical styles. In 1991, Martie and Dorothy stepped down and the chorus continued without a director. The chorus was directed "by committee," using the talents of Rose Ann Gasser and Debbie Cowan. In that same year, the chorus organized itself as a not-for-profit, public-benefit corporation.

In the spring of 1992, the chorus was fortunate to secure Mary WillAllen as artistic director. Mary is a highly energetic and creative musician who has constantly expanded the artistic boundaries of the chorus. She has a facility for composition and arrangement and devises vocal and instrumental arrangements that are tailor-made for the chorus. She continues with the chorus to the present. Her works have been enjoyed by women's and mixed choruses throughout California.

Over the years, the mission of SWC grew from providing a place for women to build community to focusing on singing for human dignity and empowerment, especially for women. The group has regularly performed for local organizations and events in the women's peace and freedom, and lesbian/gay communities. Their performance history includes appearances at CAP/PAC, the gay/lesbian political committee, Sacramento Area Career Women's Network (SACWN), the Lambda Community Center, WEAVE, the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), and numerous women's history celebrations at local colleges and churches. Through their music, they empower themselves and their audiences, giving voice to the strengths, hopes and dreams of all who struggle to overcome oppression in their lives.

On many occasions, the chorus has also joined in performance with other area choruses including the Sacramento Men's Chorus, Napa Valley Women's Chorus, and the People's Freedom Choir of Placerville. Individual members have sung with larger groups at all of the GALA (Gay and Lesbian Choruses of America) festivals. In 1990, 11 SWC members traveled to Vancouver to sing in the first-ever Gay Games Chorus and SWC has been represented in all Gay Games choruses since with members already planning to attending the next Gay Games in Amsterdam.

Three members sang in Bloomington, Indiana for the premiere performance and recording of Kay Gardener's oratorio "Ouroborous" ("Season of Life"). Last year, SWC was represented at the "Music for Life" convert for the AIDS quilt in Washington, DC and in the Northern California Women's Chorus tour in Los Angeles for the opening of the Judy Chicago exhibit.

Although SWC members have done their share of globe-trotting, the chorus' heart is here in Sacramento and they look forward to may new opportunities to be heard.

The SWC 10th Anniversary March 1Dinner and Concert is open to the public with a suggested donation of $10. Tickets can be obtained at the Gifted Gardener, 2212 J Street, or by calling 486-8985.▼

A Comic Valentine at the Crest

The Sacramento Area Career Women's Network (SACWN) will present comedian Suzanne Westenhoefer in concert on Friday, Feb. 14 at 8pm at the Crest Theater. Westenhoefer is one of the most recognized comedians around today. She is the first lesbian ever to have her own HBO comedy special, which was nominated for the highest honor in cable programming, the ACE Award. Suzanne's first comedy recording has just been released and will be on sale at the concert.
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by D.K. AKAI
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Ellen to Present Award to k.d. lang

Grammy-winning recording artist K.D. Lang and renowned breast cancer activist Dr. Susan M. Love will be honored by the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Community Center at Women's Night '97, Saturday, March 1 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills. Ellen DeGeneres will be on hand to present the "Creative Integrity Award" to lang. The event will also include special performances by comedian/actress Kathy Najimy (*Sister Act*) and diva extraordinaire Jennifer Holiday.

The annual women's dinner and dance, the largest event of its kind in the world, will benefit lesbian services at the Gay & Lesbian Center in Los Angeles.

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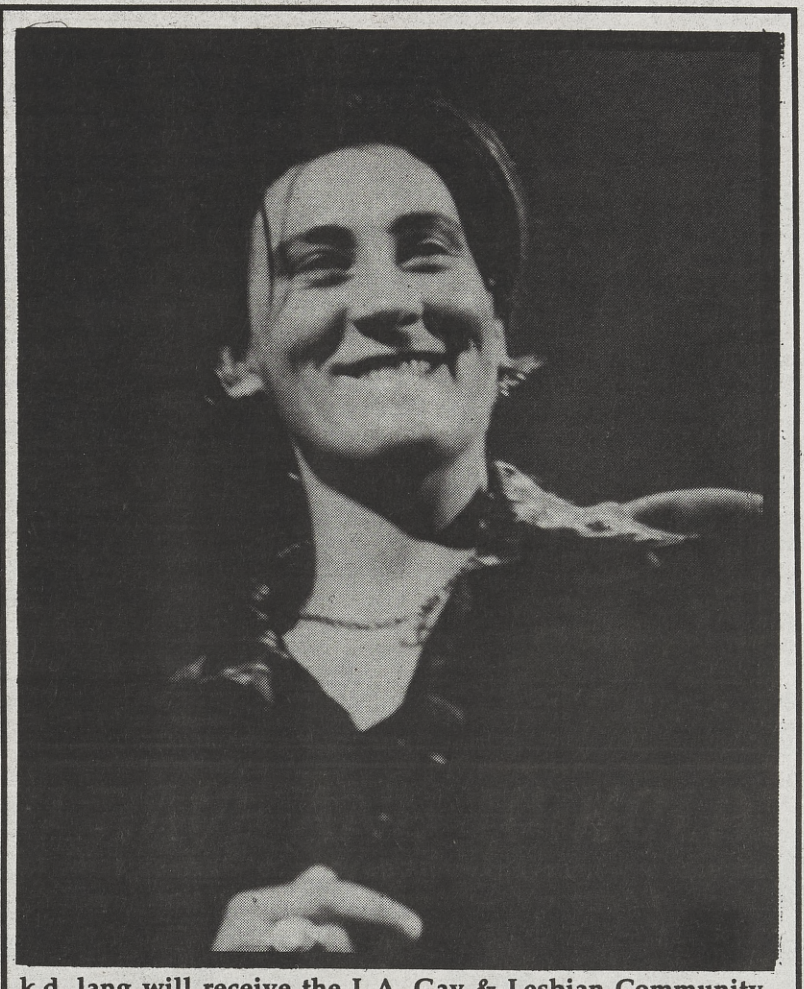

k.d. lang will receive the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Community Center's "Creative Integrity Award" on March 1.

Lesbian Minister to Lead Bellevue, WA Church

Rev. Lee Chiaramonte, an openly lesbian minister in The United Church of Christ, has been called to the position of sole pastor of Eastgate Congregational Church in Bellevue, Washington. The congregation of 170, who has never called a woman minister, let alone a lesbian, chose Chiaramonte out of 40 candidates.

Chiaramonte's career has included being Walter Cronkite's chief assistant at CBS, a manger for *Ms.* magazine, and host of a live chat show called "Women Today" on America Online. She continues to write a monthly column for the *Baltimore Alternative*, a gay paper in Baltimore she has contributed to for over 6 years.▼

HRC Elects Four New Board Members

The Human Rights Campaign has elected four new board members, each bringing a commitment to gay and lesbian equality, as well as a variety of backgrounds and perspectives, according to co-chairs Mary Breslaur and Fred P. Hochberg.

Michael T. Duffy of Boston is director of consumer affairs and business regulation for the state of Massachusetts, and a former press secretary for the Massachusetts Republican Party. Candice J. Marcum, a licensed professional counselor and therapist, co-founded Oak Lawn Community Services, a gay and lesbian counseling service in Dallas; serves on the Dallas Human Services Commission, and is co-author of the book *AIDS: The Caregivers Handbook*. Stampp W. Corbin, is president, chief executive and owner of Resource One Computer Systems, Inc. of Columbus, Ohio, a leading minority-owned provider of computer products to the telecommunications industry. Marylouise Oates is a longtime Democratic Party activist, and a founding member of the Municipal Elections Committee of Los Angeles, the first gay and lesbian political action committee in the United States.

The Human Rights Campaign is the largest national lesbian and gay political organization, with members throughout the country.▼

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Conferring at the Capitol

The Second Annual Youth Lobby Day Jan. 15 was a huge success, with Assemblywoman Carole Migden and LIFE Lobby's Laurie McBride and Ellen McCormack all lending their talents to the event.

The Word "Lesbian" is No Insult in Italy

A judge in Italy has told a group of women soccer players that sticks and stones might break their bones, but being called a lesbian is no reason for a lawsuit.

An Italian court threw out a defamation case in early January on the grounds that calling someone lesbian or gay is no insult. Members of the "Brescia Blues" women's soccer team were suing their former chair Michele De Caminata who, when shutting down the team two years ago, told a Milan newspaper that their lesbian sexual relationships were interfering with their soccer.

Judge Luca Pistorelli didn't care whether the soccer players were lesbian or heterosexual. His decision stated that "the idea that attributing homosexuality to someone is an insult to the honor, in the sense of an assault on the dignity of the person, must be rejected decisively. In other words, calling someone homosexual cannot constitute in itself a diminishment of the person."

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Hong Kong gay Wins Asylum in U.S.

A Hong Kong gay man became the first from that country to win political asylum in the United States because of his homosexuality. The man, whose name has not been disclosed, settled in the U.S. after winning his asylum claim last fall. A Hong Kong ethnic Chinese, he is currently living with a partner in the U.S. and plans to apply for a green card this year.

He won asylum under a little known change in U.S. administration policy in 1994 to allow lesbians and gays the right to apply. More than 60 gays and lesbians have been granted asylum in the two years since the Clinton administration modified the rules. Most have been from Latin America, Russia and Islamic countries in Asia, although at least one man from China is also known to have won asylum.

It is unknown whether the Hong Kong man was able to prove persecution in his current living conditions, or whether he claimed the potential for persecution after Hong Kong reverts to China this July.▼

Louganis Speech Causes Controversy in Florida

A Florida state senator wants the University of South Florida to cancel a speech by Olympic diver Greg Louganis, who's gay and HIV positive.

State Sen. John Grant, a Republican from Tampa, said he could not support future spending increases for state universities if student money is used to pay for the five-time Olympic gold-medal winner's speech, scheduled April 3.

"Such a presentation represents moral decadence and is an embarrassment to the university community," Grant, chairman of the Senate Education Committee, wrote university president Betty Castor.

Louganis is being paid $14,000 from an annual student activity fee to deliver the keynote address at the school's third annual Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week. A committee of students and faculty selects the speakers.

University officials say the speech will go on.

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Second Annual Youth Lobby Day Draws Diverse Crowd

State Capitol Packed with Lesbian/Gay Youth

by Mike Grasso
MGW/Staff

With rainbow stickers on their shirts and a mouthful of horror stories, gay youth filled the halls of the State Capitol on Jan. 15 for the 2nd Annual Lesbian/Gay Youth Lobby Day. The mission for the day was for youth to meet with legislators to tell their stories of gay abuse, and to connect with the people who make the laws that affect their lives.

More than 500 gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered (g/l/b/t) youth from all over the state including Los Angeles, San Diego, San Jose, Eureka and Redding. The event was organized by LIFE, California's Lesbian/Gay and AIDS Lobby. Each person in attendance had an appointment scheduled to meet with a legislator or his/her staff to address gay bashing in the schools and HIV/AIDS. Youth also urged support for Assembly Bill (AB) 101, the "Dignity for All Students Act. Introduced by Assembly Speaker Pro Tem Sheila James Kuehl, one of the Assembly's two lesbian members, AB 101 would add "sexual orientation" to the sections of the state Education Code protecting students from discrimination (already protected categories are "race, creed, color, national origin, sex, or economic status").

"Some public school teachers and administrators engage in homophobic jokes, harass gay and lesbian students, and even refuse to protect them from peer violence," observed Kuehl.

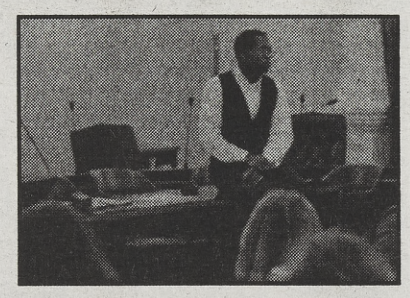
The day of the event was cold and windy, but it didn't stop hundreds of youth from attending the 12 noon rally on the west steps of the Capitol. The rally featured strong speeches from g/l/b/t youth. Activist David Lopez evoked a loud roar from the crowd for his emotional words that "hit home" for gay youth who often deal daily with harassment at school. The event was covered by many media, including the Spanish TV network Galavision.

One word describes the youth lobby day-- diverse. Whether black, Hispanic, Filipino or other ethnic background, everyone had one goal in common: to make schools safe for youth and to educate legislators. Most participants were 14-19 years old and were shuttled in by bus from all areas of the state.

The youth also attended over 29 workshops and caucuses where they learned about homeless gay youth, same-sex domestic violence, gay marriage andHIV/AIDS.

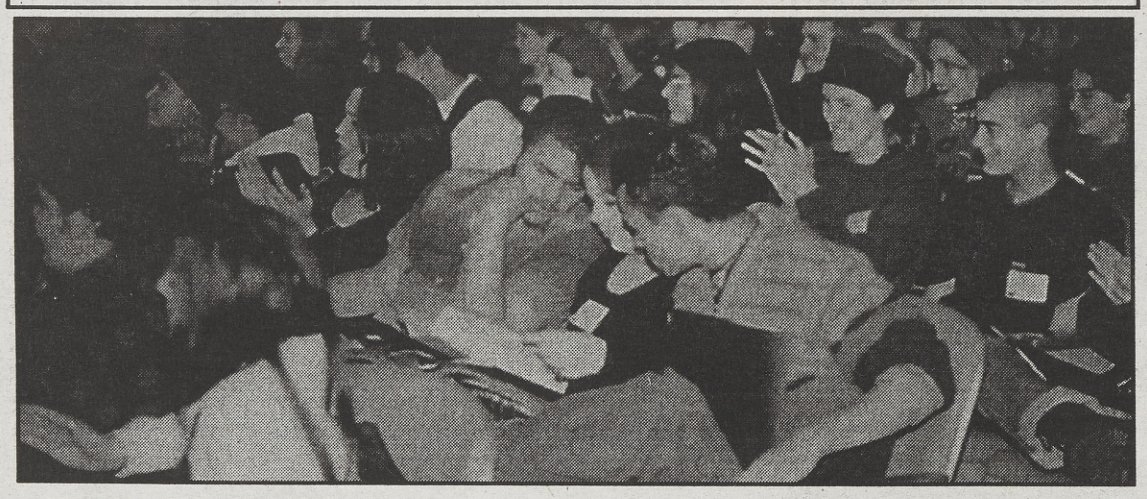
Incite! (www.incite.org), a new web page featuring newsgroups for queer youth and information about political action, was also introduced.

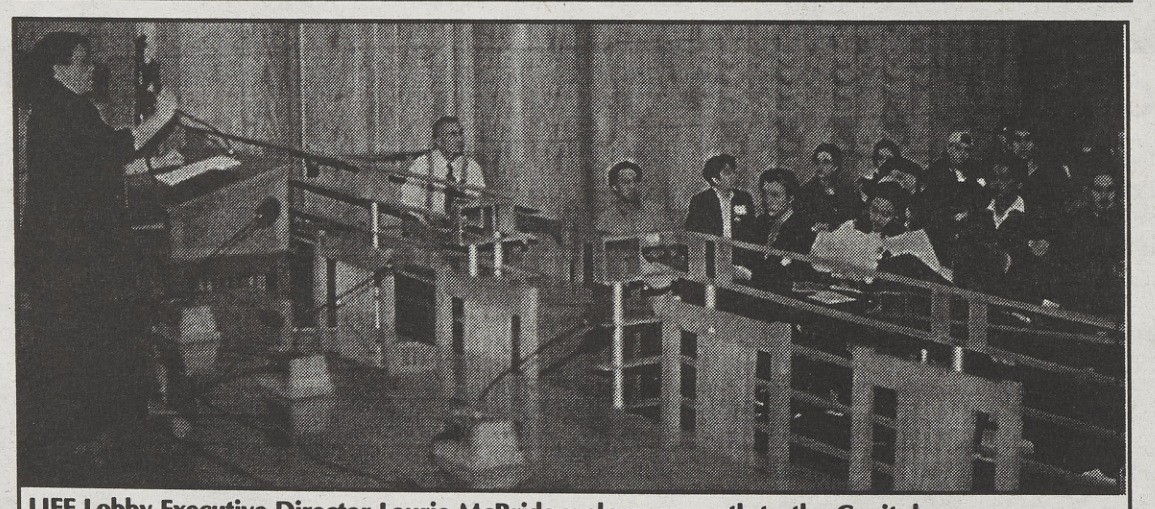
The gay and lesbian youth made their presence known at the Capitol and sent a strong message that young gays are organized and powerful and will continue to fight for the rights they deserve. ▼



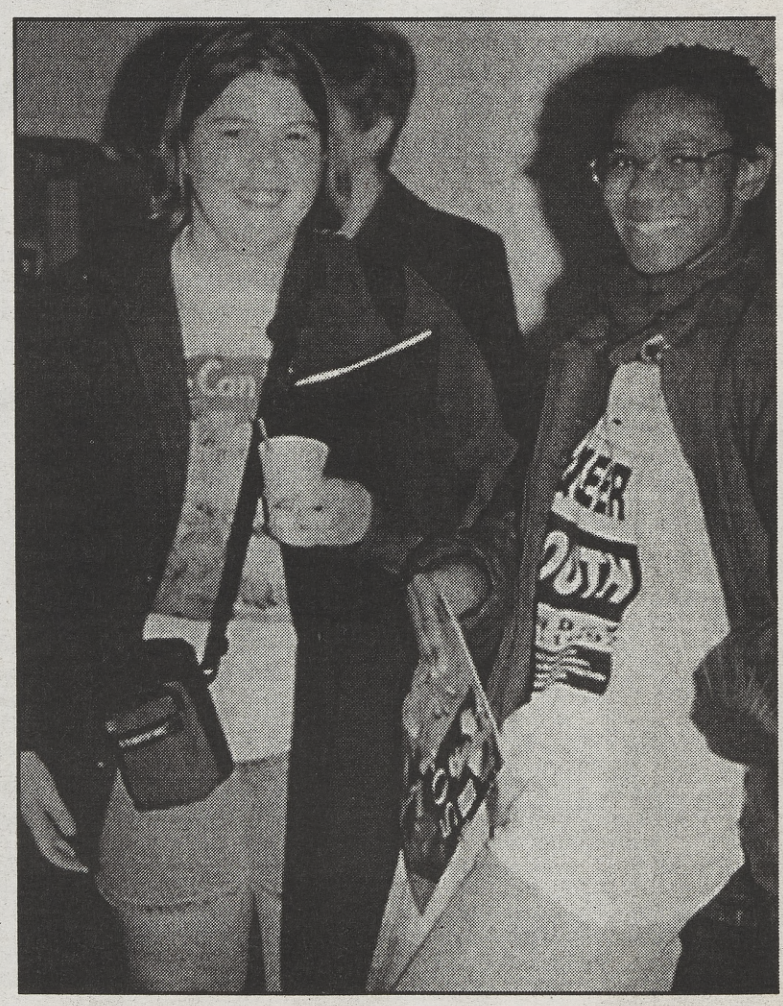
New Assembly member Deborah Oritz welcomes Gay/Lesbian Youth Lobby Day participants.

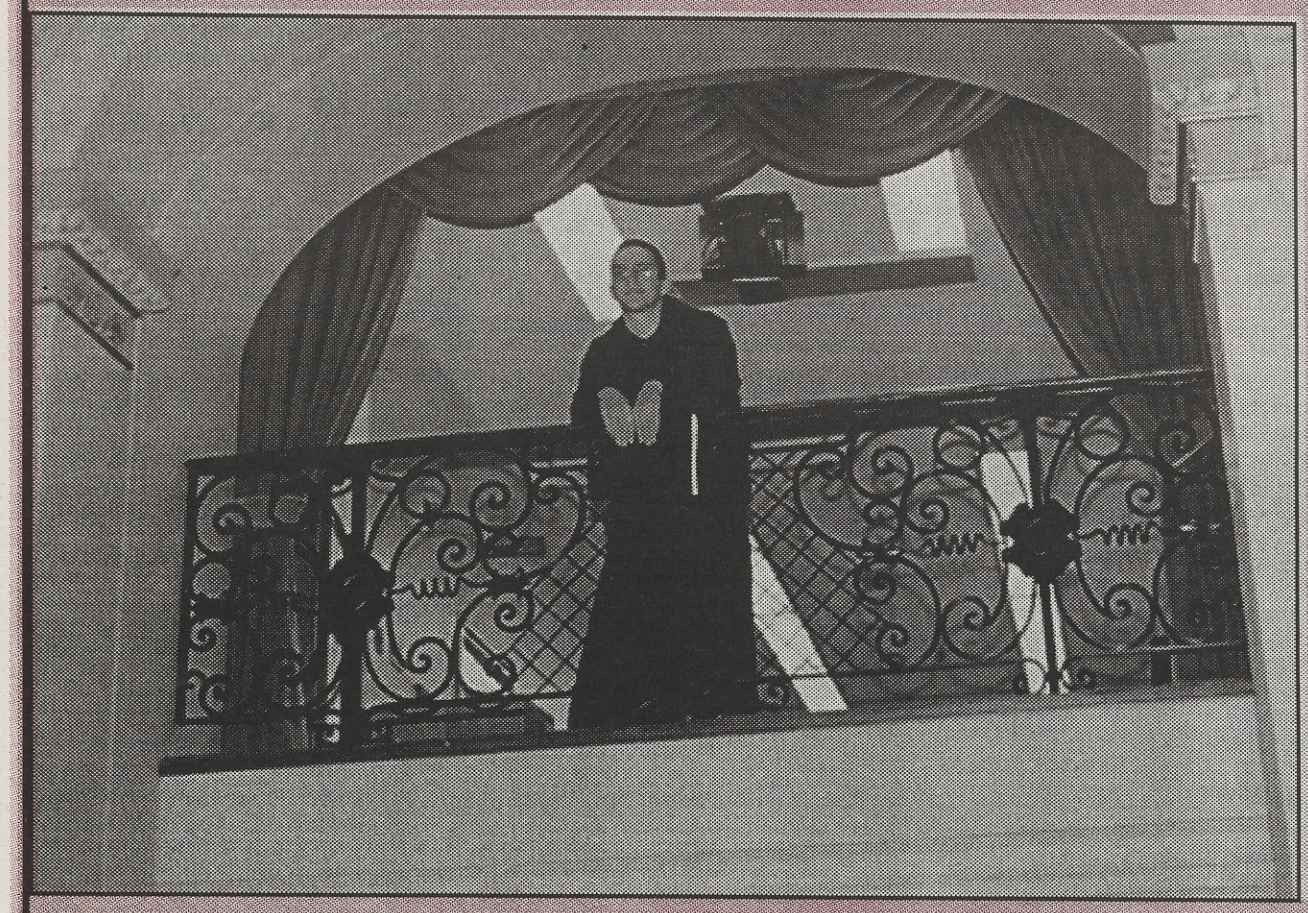
The hearing room was filled for Youth Lobby Day.

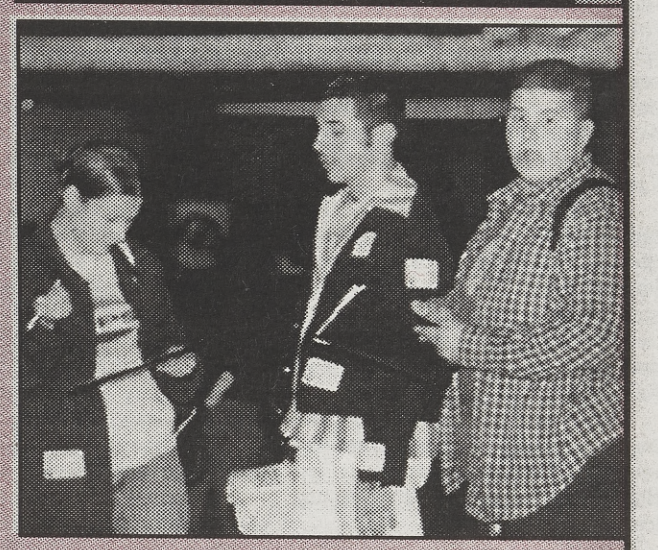


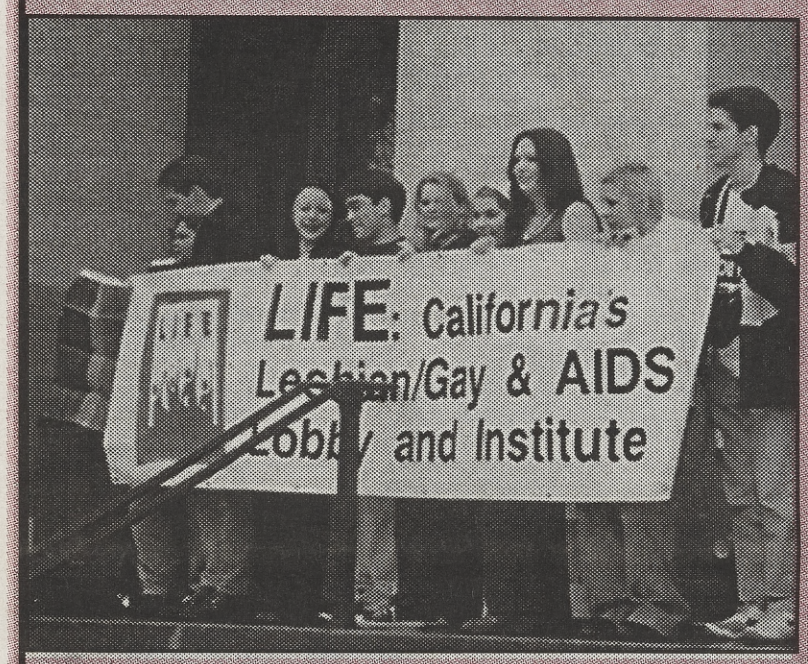


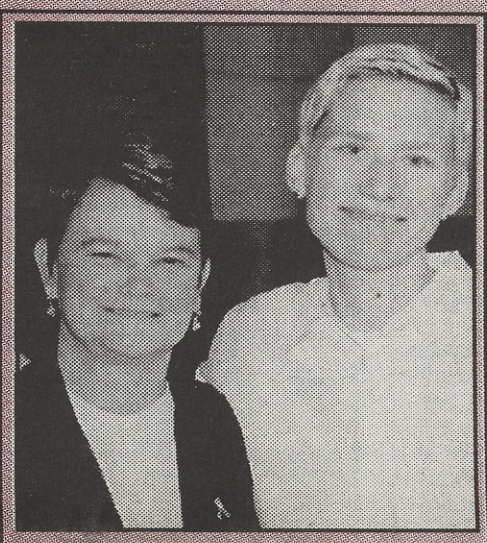
LIFE Lobby Executive Director Laurie McBride welcomes youth to the Capitol.



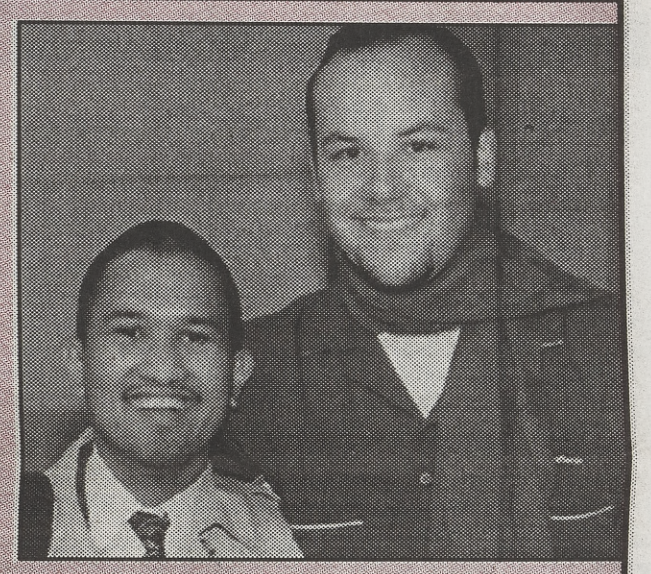


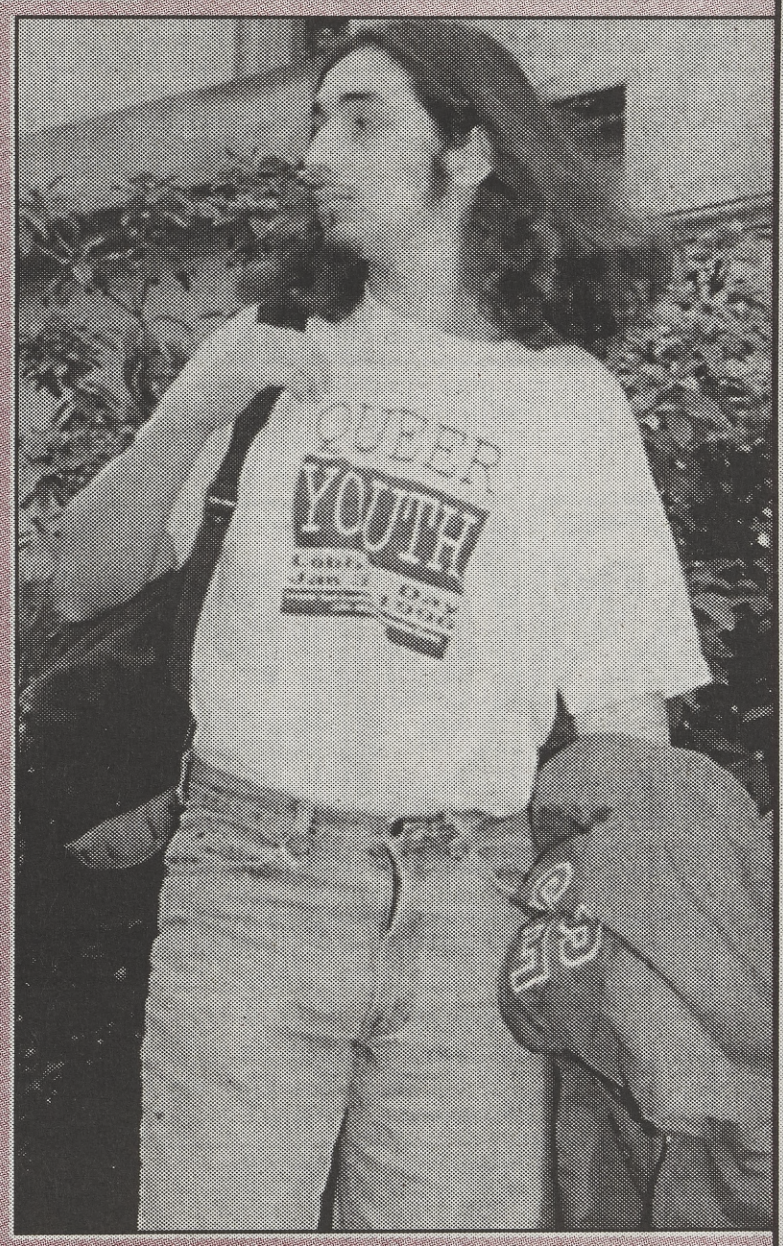






Assembly Speaker Pro Tem Sheila Kuehl and LIFE Lobby's Ellen McCormick at the Jan. 15 event





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Marvin Skillfully Blends Comedy, Drama

by Stefan Grunwedel
MGW/Staff

***Marvin's Room*. Starring Meryl Streep, Diane Keaton, and Leonard DiCaprio. Directed by Jerry Zaks. (93 min.)**

It's good that *Marvin's Room* is better than the previews. What seems to be a spin-off of that melodramatic family drama, *Terms of Endearment*, is actually a much more restrained (and watchable) portrait of a dysfunctional family facing challenges of reconciliation and self-examination.

Lee (Streep) and Bessie (Keaton) play estranged sisters. Lee left home at 18 to pursue a man, while Bessie stayed at home to care for her ailing, bedridden father (Hume Cronyn) and increasingly senile aunt (Gwen Verdon). Each sister lives her life in happy isolation until, 17 years later, Bessie's own health requires her to call on Lee for help.

By this time, of course, Lee has family problems of her own: Her older son (DiCaprio) has recently burned down the house, and she's struggling to earn her cosmetology degree. But she answers Bessie's call and packs up the family to come to her aid.

Not unexpectedly, tensions mount as the two sisters reunite and rebellious Hank finds his place of influence in the new family dynamics.

What raises *Marvin's Room* above the maudlin level of a soap opera or TV family drama is the script, which skillfully interweaves comedy, drama, and sentimentality without letting any one of them take over.

The script's first incarnation was actually a play by Scott McPherson, which had its debut in New York in 1991. Although he wrote it as a piece of fiction, McPherson was inspired by events in his own life: ailing grandparents and a care-giving aunt. He also had to care for his lover who was dying of AIDS, before succumbing to it himself. Obviously, he had plenty of personal experiences to draw upon to drive his points home, without having to resort to caricature.

For such a "small" film, the cast is pretty big-name. Streep and Keaton embody their vastly different roles very well. (Keaton, in fact, has fully redeemed herself, in light of her stupid role last year in *The First Wives Club*.) DiCaprio is such a natural at playing volatile characters, he'll have to watch out that he doesn't become typecast in those roles.

Robert De Niro also makes a pleasantly comical appearance as Bessie's doctor.

The film's moments of self-examination leave one thinking about one's own life decisions and how they affect relationships with friends and family. Just like the patterns of light that Bessie casts onto the ceiling from her tiny mirror to entertain her father, these reflective moments are beautiful, yet temporary.

Marvin's Room opens Feb. 21 at Landmark's Tower Theatre. ▼

Meryl Streep and Leonardo DiCaprio attempt to settle their differences in Jerry Zak's *Marvin's Room*.

Gay Video Picks

Bisexual Beatle?

by Stefan Grunwedel
MGW/Staff

***The Hours and the Times*. Starring David Angus and Ian Hart. Directed by Christopher Munch. (60 min., 1991)**

A few months before the surge in popularity of The Beatles, manager Brian Epstein took John Lennon a four-day trip to Barcelona. Despite the fact that no one (who's telling, anyway) knows what actually happened during that little holiday, this movie posits an intriguing queer "what might have happened" question. It's known that Epstein was gay, while Lennon--though probably appreciative of the attention--was "hopelessly straight." The resulting sexual tension in this understated and low-budget picture provides an engrossing exploration of the shifting nature and intensity of friendship and a touching example of unrequited love. (Source: *Images in the Dark* by Raymond Murray).

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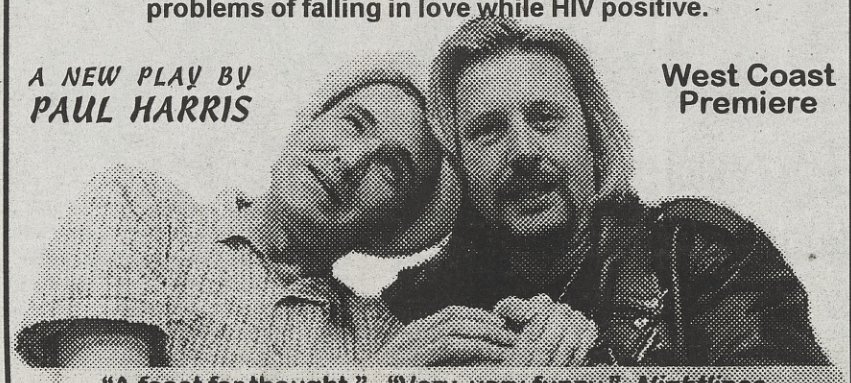
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When Gay Men Marry Women the Subject of *The Immortalist*

A hundred years ago famed French gay writer Andre Gide married Emmanuelle in the vain hope she could teach him to be straight. It didn't work for him as it didn't for Leonard Bernstein, Anthony Perkins, Charles Laughton or Rock Hudson. It also didn't work for Sacramento State University professor and local gay activist Lee Nichols.

For the past three years Nichols has lived in Mendocino where he has devoted his time to writing. While working on a play about James Dean's week in Mendocino during the filming of "East Of Eden" Nichols read *The Immortalist*, a play based on the novel Gide wrote about his ill-fated marriage. This was the play Dean was starring in when Hollywood director Elia Kazan discovered him and cast him as Cal Trask in the movie based on John Steinbeck's book. In the play Dean was cast as the amoral Arab hustler who teases the Gide-like Michel out of the closet.

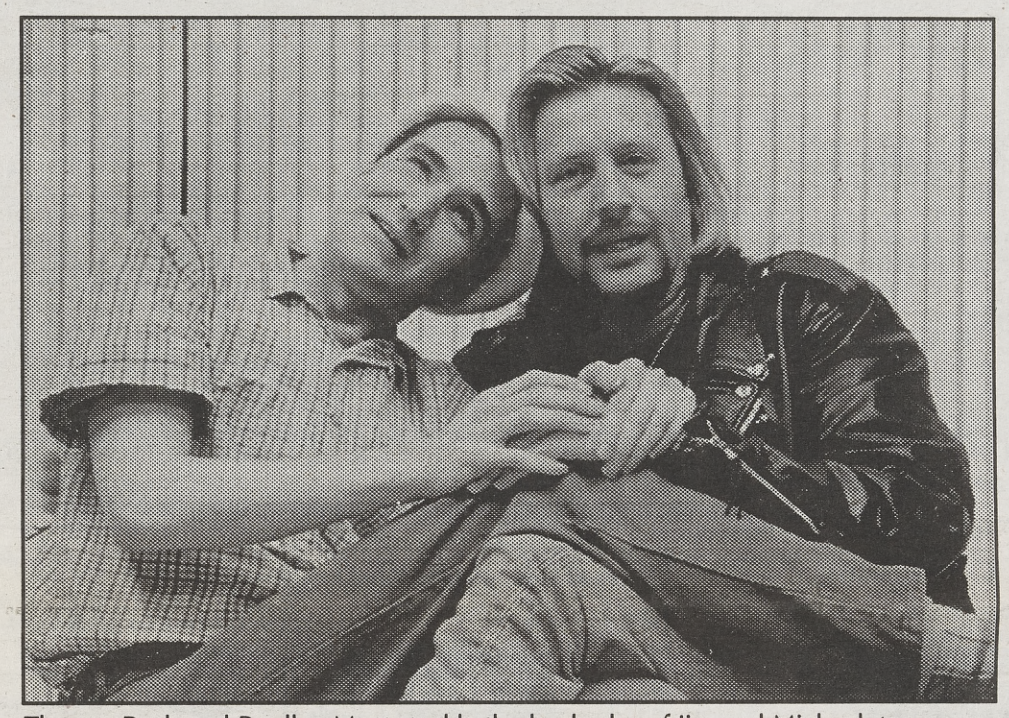
"One night outside the Mendocino Theater a young blond actor up from Hollywood bummed a light from me," Nichols reports, "and I decided on the spot to produce a revival of *The Immortalist* and cast him in the James Dean role!" The event outside the theater is all the more remarkable when Nichols explains that it was exactly the same way he met James Dean in 1952. I was hanging outside Royce Hall at UCLA, smoking," he recounts, "when this young blond asked for a light for his Chesterfield," The man introduced himself as "Jim Dean," and invited Nichols to attend a performance of *Macbeth* in which he was playing Malcolm. "We got together for coffee and such a few times, but after he dropped out of UCLA the only place I saw him was on the movie screen."

Nichols presented his plan to the Mendocino Theater Company and was offered the use of the main stage through Feb. 17. The next day he went to work casting the other parts and assembling a technical crew, and naming himself director. "I hadn't directed live theater in decades," Nichols admits, "but this was too good an opportunity to pass up." Josh Miller, the James Dean-look alike, agreed to come up from Hollywood to play the hustler. Fritz Greve, also from Hollywood, accepted the role of the tormented husband, Michel and former Sacramentan, Beth Richmond, plays his bride, Marcelline.

"Normally the theater is dark during the winter," Nichols said, "because not a lot of visitors come to Mendocino these months." But rather than curse the dark (theater) he determined to light a candle - or in this case - the stage lights. "It's a risk," he admits. " But I hope we can lure gay couples to spend a romantic weekend in Mendocino and take time to see *The Immortalist*. Several local inns and Bed & Breakfasts are offering special Packages and a "James Dean Birthday Party" is being held on Feb. 8. "Dean was born on February 8," Nichols notes, "and *The Immortalist* opened on Broadway on February 8 so it seemed like a good idea to honor him and the play at a party." The Ocean Club at Hill House - The hotel made famous by the "Murder, She Wrote" TV show - will host the birthday party for the late actor.

Mendocino Theater Company is offering a discount for theater parties; $45 for five tickets and only $80 for 10 seats to any one performance. A 2 p.m. matinee on President's Day, Monday Feb. 17 is also scheduled. Info: (707) 937-4477.▼

Lambda Premiere Runs Through Feb. 22



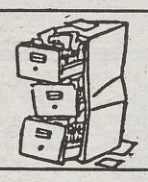
Thomas Bach and Bradley Moats tackle the lead roles of Jim and Michael, two gay men who are facing the problem of falling in love while both being HIV positive in *To Have and To Hold.*

To Have And To Hold, a romantic comedy, makes its West Coast premiere as one of a series of new plays being presented by The Lambda Players.

"It has just been published and our production will be its premiere as a published work," said director Michael D. Jackson. "We're very exited about that."

The play will run through Feb. 22 at the new home of The Lambda Players; The Geery Theatre, located at 2130 L Street. The theatre has been remodeled and enhanced specifically for the purpose of small theater productions. Ticket info: 491-1062.

Paul Harris, the play's writer, is coming to Sacramento from his home in Florida to support the production and will hold a book signing at 3pm on Feb. 15 at the Open Book, 910 21st Street. Harris is a well known AIDS activist and educator. ▼



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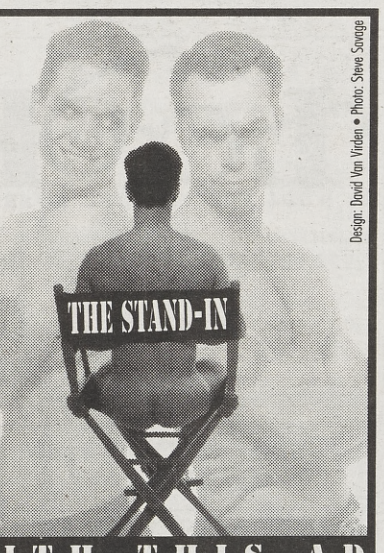

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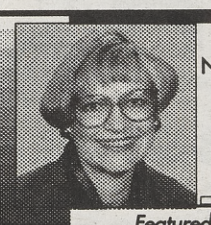

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Food choices are important...

By Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

When you're HIV positive, and especially if you have an AIDS diagnosis, you must be careful about the foods you eat and the way they are prepared. Heat helps kills germs, bacteria, and parasites that live in fish, meat or eggs. These parasites can cause serious, and sometimes fatal, infections in your brain and intestines, or throughout other organs.

Check with your host or hostess, or the restaurant where you're dining, to ask about ingredients. If eating out, ask about a food's content or how it was prepared if you are unsure. Many foods, such as Caesar salad and home-made eggnog, are prepared with raw eggs. Insist that foods be cooked thoroughly. If you invite people with HIV to your home, be alert to these precautions so as to not expose them to a parasitic infection from which they may not be able to recover.

●Avoid sushi and raw, undercooked, or steamed seafood. Never eat raw or undercooked eggs. Never reheat any foods containing eggs.

●Cook all meats as close to well done as you can manage. Avoid rare and raw meats. Use your meat thermometer. If you use a microwave, cook to maximum time suggested, and follow all directions about rotating the foods and about standing times. Foods continue to cook during standing time.

●Place meat, dairy and frozen items in the refrigerator or freezer as soon as you get home from shopping. If you have other stops to make, do the grocery shopping last.

●Avoid salad bars, food bars, grocery story displays, or other places where food is left out in the open.

●Wash fruits and vegetables well before cooking them. Peel before eating them uncooked, especially if fertilized with natural or organic fertilizers.

●Do not buy milk or cheese products that are not pasteurized (cooked at a high temperature). Unpasteurized products are associated with Salmonella infections.

●Install a water filter, or begin delivery or purchase of bottled water. Use it for cooking, ice cubes, mixing drinks, brushing your teeth, etc.

●Wash dishes, countertops, pots and pans, utensils in hot soapy water. Avoid using wood cutting boards or wooden spoons or utensils. The wood can be hard to clean and germs can grow in the wood. Use one part bleach-to-nine parts water to clean sinks or countertops.

● Wash your hands with soap and water before and after eating. Wash before and after preparing foods. Most germs are transmitted by way of hands, especially during cold-and-flu season. (If you have a cold, re-train yourself to sneeze into the crook of your elbow instead of your hands if you have no tissue handy. You might save several grateful friends from catching your cold.)

If you suspect any food poisoning or intestinal infection, call your physician. Symptoms may include vomiting (most especially if it lasts more than a day or two), a weight loss of more than 5 pounds in a week, excessive diarrhea, or physical signs that you may be dehydrating (losing too much water), such as cracked lips, dry mouth and dry eyes, dry skin, or feeling dizzy when you stand up.

Living with HIV means closely monitoring lots of the things you do, sometimes drastically modifying things you really enjoy. However, changing old habits so you can add additional years to your life is certainly worth the fuss. [More staying-healthy tips in the next issue.] ▼

Manual On Gay/Lesbian Inclusion Released

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) has announced the publication of a new manual for synagogues on how to do outreach to gays and lesbians.

The book is entitled *Kulanu (All Of Us): A Program for Congregations Implementing Gay/Lesbian Inclusion*. Prepared by the UAHC Task Force on Lesbian/Gay Inclusion, the book "is a how to guide with step-by-step instructions on creating programs, and educating lay leaders and congregants," said Rabbi Julie Spitzer, the task force's staff director. "It includes sample sermons and other materials, resource synagogues from around the country, and a complete listing of resolutions passed by all the constituent arms of our movement."

The Task Force represents, among others, the UAHC, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, Hebrew Union College-Institute of Religion, and Women of Reform Judaism.

"Increasingly we're hearing from congregational leaders who are seeking to be more inclusive of lesbian/gay congregants and their families and we don't know where to start," Rabbi Spitzer adds. "Too often we pay lip service to the importance of being inclusive but our intentions, however good, may only lead to superficial efforts. With the help of this manual, interested parties have tangible guidelines for action. Our hope is that what is now seen as divisive can ultimately unite a community."

Kulanu is written for lay and professional leadership in Reform congregations. But it isn't intended only for the Jewish community. "It can also be useful for churches and other religious organizations," Rabbi Spitzer comments.

Costs $12 plus $2.50 S&H. (Please call about multiple copy orders.) To: UAHC Press, 838 Fifth Ave., NYC, NY 10021 or call toll free: 1-888-489-UAHC (8242).▼

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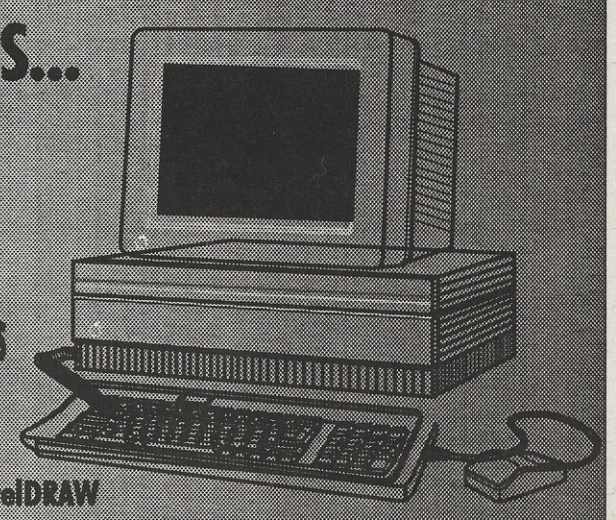

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Licensing, Care, Adoptions...

Animal Control - Friend or Foe?

by Joan B. Guertin
MGW/Staff

In fact and fiction alike, everyone fears "the dogcatcher." The stereotypical cartoon image is of the rotund, uniformed character with bulbous nose, pot belly, and the ever-present net; armed and ready, he's out to snare hapless hounds. In the funny papers, he's seldom a match for pups like the wily Marmaduke who routinely opens doors and sets the captives free. But, where do we separate fact and fiction? Is there a "dog catcher" out there who is really a friend to animals and the community? Yes! and right here in Sacramento. Only they aren't "dog catchers" as we imagine them, they are the knowledgeable, compassionate field officers of the Sacramento County Department of Animal Care and Regulation.

It would be a blessing to all communities if our own Sacramento County Department of Animal Care and Regulation were studied as a model for the way animal control agencies should function. In the past four years, under the aegis of Patricia Wilcox, this agency has been a model of innovative change that has led to a positive attitude about a job that has always been synonymous with the death of family pets. Pat Wilcox deserves a medal and the undying gratitude of every pet owner in the county. She has worked tirelessly to change attitudes within and about the agency. It has often been a thankless job. But Pat maintains great good humor as she does it.

Animal Control's main function centers around Rabies Control which means that they are charged with ensuring that all dogs and cats within Sacramento County, the cities of Citrus Heights and Folsom, and the outlying areas of Isleton and Galt, are properly inoculated and licensed. They manage complaints regarding nuisance behavior, and maintain a shelter which houses lost, stray, abandoned or relinquished animals. It is often a negative, thankless job, but thanks to positive programs introduced by Pat and implemented by her staff, much of the stigma has been erased in Sacramento County.

The facility at 4290 Bradshaw Road has become more people friendly with the addition of the Volunteer Program which assists with adoptions, and the Animal Care Fair which allows the public to view first hand the workings of the shelter. New trucks, bearing a cheery logo and positive messages about spaying and neutering, no longer strike fear in the hearts of residents when they travel county streets and roads. Positive marketing and educational programs have resulted in a 360 degree image change.

One area that continues to bother Pat and her Staff is the need to euthanize animals. Realistically, not every animal that finds its way to the facility is going to be adoptable, nor will it be reclaimed. There are seriously ill and maimed animals that are better off being humanely euthanized. There are also the incidences of aggressive and vicious animals which would put the public at risk if adopted out. However, the major problem lies in the sheer numbers of dogs and cats that are breeding indiscriminately because people are not responsibly spaying and neutering their pets.

To encourage the sterilization of dogs and cats, license fees were structured to make it more attractive to license the altered pet at $10 per pet versus the $30 per pet for unaltered animals. In a move to encourage licensing, The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, at the urging of Pat Wilcox, voted in the Jan. 14 session, to drop the $30 fee for the first impoundment of a pet wearing a license tag. In addition, the $15 late penalty for licensing an animal will be waived from February through December of this year, if no citation has been issued.

The public often misunderstands the need to license pets. Some view it as a ploy to worm more money out of us. Such is not the case. First of all, licensing is a way of proving that your dog is inoculated against rabies. The proximity to farmland and lakes puts our pets at risk of coming in contact with rabid wildlife; inoculation is their only protection. It is the law that the rabies and license tag must be exhibited on a dogs' collar. These tags also distinguish a family pet from just another stray in times of emergency.

According to Pat Wilcox, more than 60 percent of the 27,000 pets finding their way annually to Sacramento County animal shelters are euthanized because they have no identification and the owners can't be located. The recent flooding demonstrated the urgency for identification tags for pets. Animals turned into the shelter without identification and not redeemed by their owners are at risk to be adopted out or euthanized. According to Pat, the statistics relative to the redeeming of pets by owners are discouraging. Only 9 percent of animals received at county shelters were redeemed by their owners in 1995; the rest, more than 17,000 pets, were euthanized.

But, the bad guy here is not the Department of Animal Care and Regulation. The responsibility has to fall back on the shoulders of those who don't license and who don't responsibly spay and neuter. Pat Wilcox and her entire staff are doing all they can, it's now up to the public to act responsibly.

In the meantime, the Department of Animal Care and Regulation will be out there doing their job, which is to protect the public and to protect the animals. ▼

MGW'S PET CHILDREN

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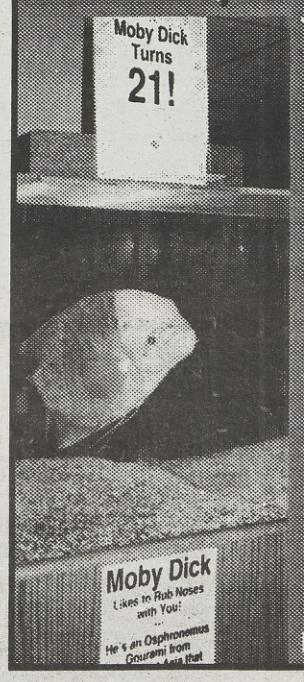

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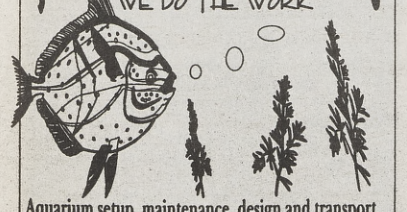

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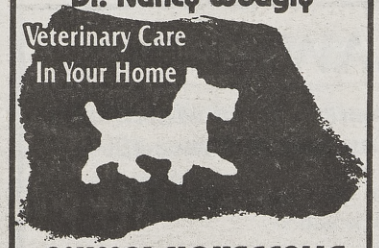

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On the HIV front...

By Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

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New Quilt panels are here...

The Sacramento Chapter of the NAMES Project announces that nearly 200 panels have arrived for display over the next three months, many of them representing losses in Sacramento. If you know of early panels made in Sacramento, you may leave a message with the Quilt Sewing Room (448-4164) to add the name to those requested for local display. Please pass the following on to others who may also wish to make arrangements to see the Sacramento panels here for this trimester -- Randy Pike, Dan Rundle, Roy Hall, Alan Reid, Francis Giambrone (two panels are here), Stanley Speakman, CGNIE Court panel (Alexis, Jinger Jerome, Bob Lambert, Bob Moore, Patrick Moriarity, Randi, Doug Schaffer, and Brad Silva), Adam Croy, Robert Curtis, Spencer Fields, Michael Schiveley, Craig Mitchell, Robert Bird, Jerry Bohlander, John Hurlburt, Michael Scott Olson, Michael Rawlins, Dennis Tesch, Tito Vigil, Michael Vera, Glenn Cooper, Rick Rique Baker, Hal Watts, Cheech Cicinato, David Dabler, Robert Gilbert, Miles Ron Kerley, Joey Lamb, Michael Naber, and John Mark Vincent. The panel for writer/singer/activist Michael Callan is also here.▼

Upcoming drugs under study...

●Abacavir is a new anti-HIV drug being studied for the treatment of HIV-related dementia. Symptoms of dementia include memory loss, personality changes, and muddled thinking. Some researchers believe that the majority of people with HIV experience some elements of dementia as the years go by.

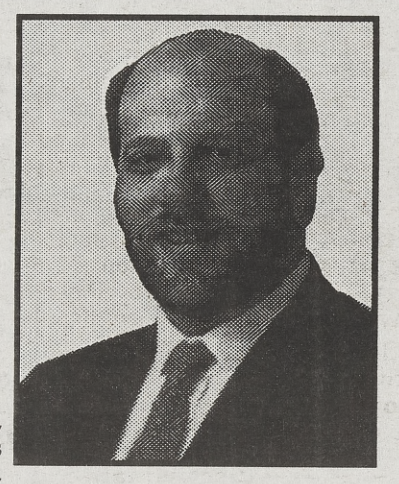
● Lobucavir is being studied for the treatment of newly-diagnosed CMV retinitis. CMV is a herpes virus that can occur throughout the body of people with low T-cell counts (usually fewer than 50). Retinitis occurs in the retina of the eye and can cause blindness if left untreated. Lobucavir is active against many herpes viruses, but recent studies have shown 4 pills a day to reduce the amount of HIV in the blood by up to 90 percent. Lobucavir appears to be more powerful than some other CMV treatments that do not reach the eye with enough medication for effective treatment. Early retinitis symptoms include tunnel vision and/or a large amount of floaters. This disease must be treated within days of its arrival. Call your physician immediately if you experience what appear to be retinitis symptoms.

●Yet another new class of anti-HIV drugs known as zinc finger inhibitors is entering clinical trials. These drugs block zinc fingers, the part of HIV that helps assemble new virus as they are leaving an infected cell. When the zinc fingers are blocked, the HIV makes copies of itself that don't work and can't infect new cells.

●An anabolic steroid called Oxandrolone, less expensive than human growth hormone, is entering clinical trials to determine if it can improve lean body mass in people with wasting (weight loss of over 10-15 percent of original body weight). It will be given as a pill.

●Have your physician call AIDS Trial Network at 800-734-7104 for more information about these trials. The winter edition of the Experimental Treatment Guide is available by calling the same number. A $10 fee is requested if you can afford it -- if you cannot, they will send it to you at no cost.▼

Openly Gay Rabbi to Keynote AIDS Interfaith Conference



Rabbi H. Rafael Goldstein, an author and the director of Los Angeles Jewish AIDS Services, will deliver the keynote address Monday, Feb. 17 at the Fourth Annual Conference of the AIDS Interfaith Network.

"Bridges of Hope: Responding to HIV/AIDS Through Faith" is the title of the conference, being held at Sacramento's St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

In addition to delivering the keynote speech, Rabbi Goldstein will hold a workshop, "The Mind/Body Connection." Other experts in the medical, social and spiritual fields will be on hand to discuss community response to AIDS. Regional service agencies will offer workshops about AIDS and the Alma Delfina Theater Group from San Francisco will give a presentation from their drama called *Pieces of the Quilt*.

Info: Mike Carr, 781-2047, Bernie Goldberg, 481-5487.

AIDS Interfaith Network keynoter Rabbi Goldstein will also appear Feb. 16 at 3 p.m. at the Open Book for a signing of his book, *Being a Blessing: 54 Ways You Can Help People Living with AIDS*.

Gene therapy...

The FDA has authorized a small human trial (with 5 people) that involves removing cells from a person, treating them with Ribozyme (a new gene-therapy drug by Chiron), and replacing the cells in an effort to boost the immune system. The stock market experienced a little jump for both Chiron and Ribozyme shares after the announcement.▼

Drinking water alert...

In this month's City of Sacramento water bill is a flyer discussing the possible existence of the cryptosporidium parasite in our city's drinking water. Crypto is found in feces of humans and animals, and is transmitted through ingesting contaminated food or drinking water, or through direct contact with fecal matter of an infected person or animal. It causes a severe diarrhea that can get out of hand, with sometimes fatal results. The city's article says that, although to date no crypto organisms have been found in the treated water that makes up the supply of drinking water, they encourage people with weak immune systems, especially those with HIV, to consider boiling their drinking water for one minute to kill any possible organisms. This article should not be taken lightly. If you are not doing so already (whether or not you're positive with HIV), this is the time to install a water filter, or begin delivery or purchase of bottled water. Available at about a dollar a gallon from local stores, you can stockpile several so as not to run out. Use it for cooking, ice cubes, mixing drinks, or other uses that end up in your mouth. You can count this among your wise investments.▼

Marijuana clubs...

●In California, the San Francisco Cannibus club has reopened in response to California's recently passed initiative to provide the drug for medical purposes. The expected re-opening announcement was accompanied by a surprise mention that the club is interested in opening a Sacramento outlet.

●A member of the New York State Assembly plans to introduce a medical marijuana bill for that state, one that is more restrictive than the California and Arizona laws. They anticipate, however,

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▼ ENDQUOTE ▼

"The AIDS community has educated the world with courage, it's shown people how to stand up, hold one's head up and say, 'You're not going to take away my heart and soul, or my laughter and joy. No matter what is happening to my body. I am not my body, I am my soul.'"
--Actress and "AIDS Angel" Sally Kirkland, quoted in *A & U*, America's AIDS magazine.

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that its future is bleak, facing tough opposition from Republicans. The New York City Medical Marijuana Buyers' Club currently provides illegal marijuana to about 80 people, mostly people with AIDS. The group's leaders have recently become more public in an attempt to garner support for a state initiative to legalize the drug's medical use.

●Following the denouncing of pot even for medical purposes, the White House announced it will spend up to $1 million to determine the drug's actual medical effectiveness. People with AIDS and cancer say it prevents the nausea they experience, thus allowing them to regain weight and feel better in general. Many physicians, however, say marijuana is simply not as effective at stemming nausea or pain as other legal medications at their disposal. Some feel that inhaling any type of smoke into the lungs is just not a very smart thing to do, and could be suicidal for people with AIDS who have a higher-than-normal potential to develop pneumonia or other lung disorders.▼

Dynamic Duo

From pg. 3

A prodigious fundraiser and vote-getter, Migden emerged from the often fractious politics of San Francisco's gay and lesbian community to win election to the City's Board of Supervisors where she served for five years. She is an aggressive advocate and a Democratic Party insider, having chaired the San Francisco Democratic Party and served as an official of the state and national party.

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Assemblywomen Carole Migden and Sheila Kuehl with San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown: Could either follow in his footsteps as Speaker of the Assembly?

Migden told *MGW* that she will "endeavor to use the post and jurisdiction of the [appropriations] committee in the most effective and fair-minded approach possible to well serve the people of California--with a special emphasis on protecting the interests of the gay/lesbian community."

Both Migden and Kuehl have already taken strong positions on gay-related issues in the new legislative session.

Migden was strongly critical of Republican Governor Pete Wilson's proposed plan to shift federal AIDS funds away from cities and back to the state, a move she said would strike a "deadly blow to people with HIV/AIDS, particularly the poor..." Migden argued that faced with the loss of federal funds, San Francisco, as well as other cities, would be forced to "make up for lost revenues by taking money away from [AIDS-related] primary medical care or housing programs."

Kuehl used the occasion of Youth Lobby Day to announce that she is reintroducing AB 101--the "Dignity for All Students Act"--which ban would discrimination based on sexual orientation within the California Public School System. "All children deserve the dignity of an education free from discrimination, violence and harassment," said Kuehl about the bill, which failed to get out of committee in the previous Republican-controlled Assembly.

As powerful as Kuehl and Migden currently are, greater power in the Assembly may await them. Because of term limits, Speaker Bustamente--the first Latino speaker--will be forced out in 1998. (A court case is pending challenging the constitutionality of term limits, it should be noted.) At that time, both could be well-positioned for the most coveted post in the lower house--Speaker of the California Assembly. Now *that* would be historic. ▼

Cocktail for health workers...

Over the years, health care workers accidentally experiencing needle sticks or other HIV exposure were immediately given a regimen of AZT. Now they are increasingly being prescribed a cocktail of drugs similar to that recently developed to treat infected patients. The Centers for Disease Control reports that the combination is effective as a so-called post-exposure prophylaxis (preventative) in 79 percent of such cases if it is started within one or two hours of exposure. The agency has recommended that the treatment be given all health workers exposed to HIV on the job. Other uses of the treatment are being considered, such as HIV prevention for rape victims and intravenous drug users who have been exposed to the virus. ▼

And the winner is...

A Montreal woman with AIDS, who lives in a hospice and has not worked for five years, has won $7.3 million in the Quebec lottery. She says she wants to buy a car and share the winnings with her friends and family and an AIDS agency.▼

Brazil to teach 'em young....

Brazil's new campaign against AIDS will reach children as young as age four, officials recently announced. Furthermore, at-risk groups, including inmates, prostitutes, and Native Americans, will be targeted for the distribution of 250 million condoms. The new outlook is in response to statistics showing Brazil to have one of the highest rates of HIV infection in the world. Convicts in the United States are not allowed to have condoms, and untold dollars are spent to maintain separate punitive facilities within the prisons for those having even consensual sex.

The disease detective...

Dr. David Ho, director of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center, says he believes the use of drug combinations that include protease inhibitor in newly infected patients (a concept for which he was recently honored) could eliminate the virus within two to three years. Many researchers feel, however, that this strategy, while promising, could give people a false sense of hope and stymie prevention efforts. The next step for Ho's research is to get people in his early study who are doing well on the combination therapy to stop the therapy and to watch them to see if the virus returns. As of last month, no one was willing to volunteer for this project. Dr. Ho says that one person thus far has agreed to stop treatment when HIV can no longer be detected in his blood or tissues.▼

Protease for kids...

The most recent protease inhibitor, Viracept, has been submitted to the Food and Drug Administration for approval to be marketed as both a tablet for adults, and a pediatric powder for children age 2 to 13. The drug's maker, Agouron, says early trials of Viracept in children have suggested that the drug offers benefits similar to those seen in adults. The three other approved protease inhibitors (Norvir, Crixivan, and Invirase) have shown great benefit for adults, but have not been approved for children.▼

Worldwide projections...

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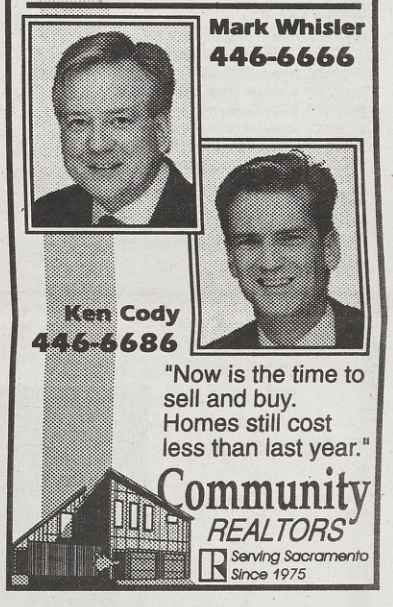

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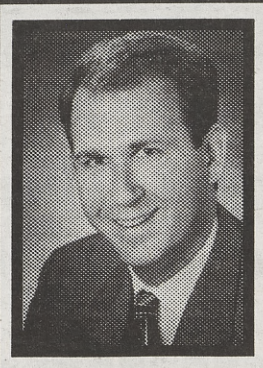

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SAC. AQUARIUM SOCIETY MEETING
Round Table Pizza 1307 Florin Rd., 568-5236

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS
Guy West Bridge, 9am, 974-8199

WO-MA-MU (WOMEN MAKING MUSIC RETREAT) REGISTRATION BEGINS
March 21 - 24, Bishops Ranch near Healdsburg, must register by Mar. 1, 707/485-0601

2 SUNDAY

CROCKER ART PRESENTATION
Sharon Heinz, Yael Ronen, Sylvie Beaudette, 3pm, 216 O St., 264-7372

GREATER SAC. AREA COUPLES
Op Meeting, 387-5830

PBS PRESENTATION
"Breaking The Code" on Mobile Masterpiece Theatre, PBS Sac. Channel 6, 9pm

PREMIUM PET STORE NATOMAS ANIMAL RESCUE PET ADOPTIONS
10am - 3pm, 725-2556

U.C. DAVIS PRESENTS
Alexander & Angels String Quartets, 7pm, Freeborn Hall, 752-1915

3 MONDAY

CAMELLIA SYMPHONY PERFORMANCE
441-5188

CSUS PIANO RECITAL
Audrey Andrist, 8pm, CSUS Recital Hall, 278-6514

JOSIE'S CABARET & JUICE JOINT PRESENTS:
Gay Comedy Open Mike Night, 8pm, 3583 16th St., 415/861-7933

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS
CSUS, 6:30pm, 974-8199

SAC. WOMEN'S CHORUS
6:30pm, 424-4411

THE CREST PRESENTS
"Barberella: Queen Of The Galaxy", thru Feb. 8, 1018 K St., 44-CREST

CROCKER MONTHLY ART TALK
"The Art And History Of Money", 5:30pm, 216 O St., 264-5423

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP
Auburn's DeWitt Center, 7pm, 632-7080

4 TUESDAY

TU B'SHEVAT SEDER CELEBRATION
4 - 6pm, Reservations Required, Congregation Beth Sholom The Freidman Center 14th & Clemet S.F., 415/543-9011

SAC. CITY COLLEGE G/L STUDENT ALLIANCE
3835 Freeport Blvd. Room A-7, 12pm, 456-2722

SOLONO-YOLO GAY MEN'S ALLIANCE
7:30pm, Fairfield, 707/449-0847

5 WEDNESDAY

AIDS VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION
Drivers needed, volunteers needed, 5:30pm, 1722 J St. Suite 321, 447-AIDS

"BERLIN TO BABYLON" S.F. CABARET CONVENTION
7pm, The Herbst Theatre, 415/392-4400

FREIGHT & SALVAGE PRESENTS:
Open Mike Night, 7:30pm, 1111 Addison St. Berkeley, 510/548-1761

GOOD VIBRATIONS PRESENTS:
"Erotic Performance & Movement for Women", 8 - 10pm, must pre-register, 1210 Valencia S.F., 415/974-8980

LOW COST RABIES CLINIC
6 - 8 pm, $4 Cash, Licensing Available, County Animal Shelter 4290 Bradshaw Rd.,

NAMES PROJECT MEMORIAL QUILT SEWING BEE
6 - 8pm, Pioneer Church 2700 L St., 484-4164

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS
McKinley Park, 6:30pm, 974-8199

VALLEY BEARS MEETING
Wreck Room 2513 Broadway, 7pm, 535-5050

WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP
7pm, Lioness Books 2224 J St., 944-DYKE

6 THURSDAY

YEAR OF THE OX
Begins at Midnight, Chinese Calendar Year 4695

ARTWALK IN SABASTOPOL
829-5541

BEING GAY TODAY
Channel 17, 10pm

Courtesy/Jill Wende

Cake Rocks the Auditorium

The hot rock band Cake returns to its native Sacramento Feb. 7 for a 7:30 p.m. concert at the Memorial Auditorium. The bands latest album "Fashion Nugget" has gone gold (500,000 copies sold). Tickets: 264-5181 or 923-BASS.

7 FRIDAY

BEING GAY TODAY
Channel 17, 4pm

CAMPING WOMEN MEETING
6pm, Sampan Restaurant 2813 Fulton, 489-7538

FREIGHT & SALVAGE PRESENTS:
Si Kahn, 7:30pm, 1111 Addison St. Berkeley, 510/548-1761

SAC. CITY COLLEGE G/L STUDENT ALLIANCE
3835 Freeport Blvd. Room A-7, 6pm, 456-2722

8 SATURDAY

AIDS VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION
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BEING GAY TODAY
Channel 17, 10am

DYKES OUT TOGETHER
"God Awful Bowling", 923-2117

G/L SIERRANS
Sandhill Crane Watching, 455-4790

GRACE DAY HOME'S CRAB DINNER
5pm, St. Francis Girls High School 6051 M St., 442-6557

GREATER SAC. AREA COUPLES
Anniver. Black tie and tennis shoes, 723-8644

MARSHALL GOLD DISCOVERY STATE PARK VOLUNTEER TRAINING
10am - 4pm, 622-6198

THE PALMS PRESENTS:
Shana Morrison Band, 726 Drummond, Davis, 953-3485

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9 SUNDAY

COUPLES COMMITMENT CEREMONY
Valentine Service, 11am, Universalist Unitarian Society 2425 Sierra Blvd., 483-0433

CROCKER ART PRESENTATION
George Kern, 3pm, 216 O St., 264-7372

EBO OKOKAN
2pm, Central Library's Tsakopoulos Library Galleria, 264-2770

NAPA VALLEY SYMPHONY
With Clarinetist Todd Palmer, 3pm, Lincoln Theater Calif. Veterans Home Yountville, 707/22-MUSIC

THE PALMS PRESENTS:
Ralph Stanley & The Clinch Mountain Boys, 726 Drummond, Davis, 953-3485

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10am - 3pm, 725-2556

SAC. BLUES SOCIETY
Miss Lavelle White, The Chrome Addicts, 6:30pm, JB's Lounge inside Beverly Garland Hotel 1780 Tribute Rd, 594-6000

10 MONDAY

JOSIE'S CABARET & JUICE JOINT PRESENTS:
Gay Comedy Open Mike Night, 8pm, 3583 16th St., 415/861-7933

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS
CSUS, 6:30pm, 974-8199

SAC. WOMEN'S CHORUS
6:30pm, 424-4411

UC DAVIS LECTURE
Dave Berry, 8pm, Freeborn Hall, 757-3481

11 TUESDAY

FREIGHT & SALVAGE PRESENTS:
Open Mike Night, 7:30pm, 1111 Addison St. Berkeley, 510/548-1761

G/L SIERRANS
Open Board Meeting, 972-9230

GOOD VIBRATIONS PRESENTS:
"Erotic Reading Circle", 2504 San Pablo Ave. Berkeley, 510/841-8987

NAPA VALLEY SYMPHONY
With Clarinetist Todd Palmer, 8pm, Lincoln Theater Calif. Veterans Home Yountville, 707/22-MUSIC

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SOLONO-YOLO GAY MEN'S ALLIANCE
7:30pm, Fairfield, 707/449-0847

12 WEDNESDAY

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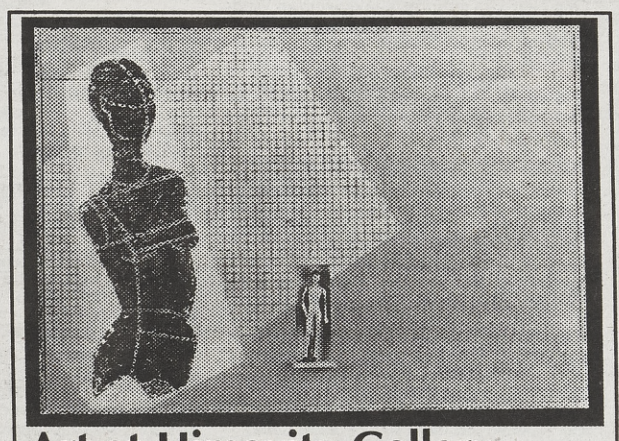
LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

FREIGHT & SALVAGE PRESENTS:



Art at Himovitz Gallery

The works of Lynn Criswell ("Measuring for a Shift," pictured), Livia Stein and Ann Weber are on display at the Michael Himovitz Gallery through Feb. 14. Info: 448-8723.

Mare Winningham, 7:30pm, 1111 Addison St. Berkeley, 510/548-1761

GOOD VIBRATIONS PRESENTS:
"Erotic Performance & Movement for Women", 8 - 10pm, must pre-register, 1210 Valencia S.F., 415/974-8980

YOLONDA RHODES
3:30pm, Colonial Heights Library, 6:30pm, Martin Luther King Jr. Library, 264-2770

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS
McKinley Park, 6:30pm, 974-8199

WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP
7pm, Lioness Books 2224 J St., 944-DYKE

13 THURSDAY

AIDS VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION
Drivers needed, volunteers needed, 6pm, 1722 J St. Suite 321, 447-AIDS

BEING GAY TODAY
Channel 17, 10pm

FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS WORKSHOP PART I
Must Pre-register, 4145 Branch Center Rd., 875-6913

LAVENDER ANGELS (GAY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH) MEETING
7:30pm, Lioness Books 2224 J St., 484-5866

NATIONAL BLACK L/G LEADERSHIP FORUM CONFERENCE
13 - 17th, 213/964-7820

UC DAVIS PRESENTS:
Throat Singers Of Tuva: Huun-Huur-Tu, 8pm, Varsity Theatre, 8pm, 752-1915

WOMEN IN BUSINESS SEMINAR
"How To Finance A Business", 7:30 - 9:30am, 1410 Ethan Way, 563-3210

14 FRIDAY

ST. VALENTINES DAY

BEING GAY TODAY
Channel 17, 4pm

SEMINAR: WOMEN AT MID-LIFE RE-CREATION
Given by Int'l. Women's Studies Institute, 14-22nd, 415/323-2013

SAC. CITY COLLEGE G/L STUDENT ALLIANCE
3835 Freeport Blvd. Room A-7, 6pm, 456-2722

ST JOHN HEALING CIRCLE
Sponsored By OASIS to give support to HIV AIDS issues, Church of St. John the Evangelist 1661 15th St. S.F., 415/861-1436

SUZANNE WESTENHOFFER IN CONCERT
8pm, Tickets $15, Crest Theater 1013 K St., 451-8034

15 SATURDAY

BEING GAY TODAY
Channel 17, 10am

CHANTEUSES IN CONCERT
7pm, Musicians Hall 2030 Del Paso Blvd., 442-5522

CONVERSATION WITH FERRON
1 - 3pm, IMA Center 585 Salmon Crk Rd. Bodega, 707/876-3004

FERRON LIVE
7pm, IMA Center 585 Salmon Crk Rd. Bodega, 707/876-3004

MOTOWN DANCE
8:30pm - 1am, Jelly's at Pier 50 295 China Basin, 415/495-5393

NAMES PROJECT MEMORIAL QUILT SEWING BEE
6 - 8pm, Pioneer Church 2700 L St., 484-4164

T HE PALMS PRESENTS:
Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown, 726 Drummond, Davis, 953-3485

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16 SUNDAY

CROCKER ART PRESENTATION
Merling Trio, 3pm, 216 O St., 264-7372

GREATER SAC. AREA COUPLES
Movie Matinee, 641-2182

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10am - 3pm, 725-2556

SAC. YOUTH SYMPHONY WINTER CONCERT
3pm, Hiram Johnson Theatre 65th Street Expressway, 920-1121

17 MONDAY

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY OBSERVED

AIDS INTERFAITH NETWORK
"Bridges Of Hope", 8am - 4:30pm, St. Mark's Meth. Church 2319 St. Mark's Way, 781-2047

JOSIE'S CABARET & JUICE JOINT PRESENTS:
Gay Comedy Open Mike Night, 8pm, 3583 16th St., 415/861-7933
MARINE AQUARIST ROUND TABLE
Carrows Restaurant 28th & J St.

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS
CSUS, 6:30pm, 974-8199

SAC. WOMEN'S CHORUS
6:30pm, 424-4411

Courtesy/Brian T. Scott

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American River College Theatre, *The Effect On Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds,* Feb. 28 - Mar 9; *All My Sons,* Apr. 25 - May 4, 4700 College Oak Dr., 484-8234

The B-Street Theater, Subscriber tickets on sale now. *Sylvia* opens Feb 9; *Italian America Reconciliation* opens April 13; *Disgruntled Employees* opens Aug. 17; 2711 B St., 443-5300

Broadway Playhouse, *Chocolate Factory,* Feb. 28 - Mar. 8., 4010 El Camino Ave, 483-2775

D & D Productions, *Tony N' Tina's Wedding,* thru March 29, Capitol Plaza Ballrooms 1025 9th St., 557-9644

Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, *And What, Give Up Showbiz?,* thru Mar. 9, *Woman In Mind,* Mar. 14 - May 11, *A Day In Hollywood, A Night In The Ukraine,* May 16 - Jul. 6, *Murder Among Friends,* Jul. 11 - Sep. 14, *Forever Plaid,* Sep. 19 - Nov 23, *The 1940's Radio Hour,* Nov. 28 - Jan 11, 1998, 12401 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova, 985-6361

River Stage, *A Midsummer Night's Dream,* Apr. 17 - May 18; *Fresh Off The Boat,* Jul. 10 - 27; Consumes River College, 688-7364

Ruth Rosenberg Dance Ensemble, *Dancescapes,* May 2nd - 10, 457-7733 for details

Sacramento Ballet, *Who Cares?, Serenade, Bolero,* Feb. 13-15, 1997; *Peter and the Wolf,* Feb. 16, 1997; *A Midsummer Night's Dream,* March 20-22, 1997; *Raggedy Ann & Andy* March 23, 1997, 1631 K St., 552-5800.

Sacramento City Actors Theatre, *A Streetcar Named Desire,* Feb. 2 - Mar. 22; *Tales From Beatrix Potter,* Mar 9 - Apr. 19; *Arms And The Man,* Apr. 18 - May 17, 3835 Freeport Blvd., 558-2228

Sacramento Light Opera Association, *The Phantom Of The Opera,* Jun. 17 - 22; Will Rogers Follies, Jul. 7 - 13; The Desert Song, Jul. 14 - 20; Can-Can, Jul. 21 - 27; Oliver!, Jul. 28 - Aug. 3; Damn Yankees, Aug. 4 - 10; My Fair Lady, Aug 11 - 17; Oklahoma!, Aug. 18 - 24, Music Circus 1419 H St., 557-1999.

Sacramento Repertory Theatre, *The First,* thru Feb 22, 1997; *Stories About The Old Days,* Mar 7-Apr 5, 1997; *Special One Man Show: Hal Williams,* To Be Announced; *The Wiz,* May 2-24, 1997; *One Act Festival* May 29-31, 1997; *Hunter* Jun 20-Jul 26, 1997, 5101 Lawrence Dr., 457-8827.

Sacramento Theatre Company, *California Schemin',* Jan. 18 - Feb. 9 at McClatchy Mainstage; *Love Letters,* Feb. 11 - 16, at 1419 H St.; *The Comedy of Errors,* Mar. 4 - Apr. 27 at McClatchy Mainstage; *Orphans,* Apr. 1 - Jun. 8 at Stage Two; *Burning Patience,* May. 13 - Jun. 8 at McClatchy Mainstage. 443-6722

The Studio Theatre, *Six Women With Brain Death,* thru Feb. 2, 1028 R St., 446-2668

Theatre Rhinoceros, *Johnny-Boy,* thru Feb. 1; Digitally Yours, Feb 7 - Mar. 1; 2926 16th St. S.F., 415/861-5079

Pamela Trokanski Dance Theatre, *"Crossing The Causeway",* Feb. 7 & 8, 2782 24th St., 756-3949

Woodland Opera House, *Inherit The Wind,* Feb. 7 - Mar. 1; *Tintypes,* Sept 5 - 27; *Much Ado About Nothing,* Nov 7 - 29; *Steel Magnolias,* Jan. 30 - Feb. 21, 1998; *West Side Story,* Mar. 20 - Apr. 11, 1998; *The Sensuous Senator,* May 15 - Jun. 6, 1998, 666-9618

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ART GALLERIES

BIG ART, "Bugs That Itch Your Ass", Liz Hollon, thru Jan 31, 1928 L St., 446-2740

CALIF. PALACE OF THE LEGION OF HONOR, *19th & 20th Century Sculptors' Prints & Drawings: Selections from the Achenbach Foundation for Graphic Arts,* thru Jan 18; *Anderson graphic Arts Collection,* Feb. 8 - May 18; Masterpieces from The Pierpont Morgan Library, Feb. 15 - Apr. 27, *Bouquets to Art,* Mar. 17 - 21, *John Martin Paintings,* May 10 - Aug. 3, *Roy Lichtenstein Prints/ Anderson Collection,* May 31 - Oct. 19; *Nathan Oliveira Monotypes,* Jun. 14, *Artists Prints, Crown Prints Press,* Oct. 4 - Jan 4, 1998; 34th Ave. & Clement St., San Francisco, 415/863-3330.

CROCKER ART MUSEUM, *Thomas Hill Oils,* Jan. 24 - Mar. 9, *Netsuke! Form and Fashion from Edo Japan,* Feb 7 - July 6, *Art & Politics in Revolutionary France,* thru Feb 9, 1997; *Rodin Sculptures,* First week of May, 216 O St., 264-5423.

DE YOUNG MUSEUM, *The Enjoyment of African Art: Masks and Sculptures from the Michael R. Heide Collection,* thru March 1997; *BeatCulture and the New America:* 1950-1965, thru Dec.29; *Art of the Americas: Cultural Crosscurrents,* thru Jan. 26; *If The Shoe Fits,* thru Jul. 13; *The Peale Faimly: Creation of a Legacy, 1770-1870,* Jan. 26, - Apr. 6; *Life and Afterlife in Ancient Peru: Treasures from the Museo Arqueologico,* Rafael Larco Herrera, May - Aug.; *Youth Arts Festival,* May 7 - 11; *Jeffrey Appleby Collection of Andean Textiles,* Jun. 21 - Aug. 10, *Art Of The Americas: Identity Crisis,* Jul. 26 - Nov. 16; *Masters Of Light: Dutch Paintings from Utrecht in the Golden Age,* Sep. 13 - Nov 30; *Morgan Flagg Collection,* Oct. 18 - Jan. *1998: Art Of The Americas: Art and Ethnography,* Dec 6 - Mar. 1998; *Treasures of the Tervuren Museum,* Feb. 21, 1998 - Apr. 31, 1998; *John Stuart Curry: Invading the Middle West,* Jun 13, 1998 - Aug. 30, 1998; *The Wealth of the Thracians,* Aug. 8, 1998 - Oct. 11, 1998, 75 Tea Garden Dr. S.F., 415/750-3614

GALLERY Q, American Artist Bob Freimark, thru Feb. 1, 1808 Del Paso Blvd., 929-7090

MATRIX GALLERY, Exhibition of Pamina Traylor & Regina Held, thru Jan. 31, 1518 Del Paso Blvd., 923-9118

MIDTOWN FRAMING & GALLERY, *"Two Views Of Sculpture",* Bronze & wood by Richard Cummings & Don Monzon, 2504 J St, 447-7558

MUMS RESTAURANT, Drawings & Paintings by Cori Kelly & Penelope E. Clement, *"From The Heart"* by Carol Stensrud, Feb. 4 - Mar. 16, 2968 Freeport Blvd., 444-3015.

RICHARD I. NELSON GALLERY & FINE ARTS COLLECTION, Artists' Valentines, Jan 21-Feb 8; Michael Tompkins, Feb 16-March 21; Fred Wilson (Tableaus), April 13-May 16; Annual Master of Fine Arts Exhibitions, May 30-June 27, 124-125 Art Building U.C. Davis, 752-8500

SHENANDOAH GALLERY, New Works by Katherine A Venturelli, thru Mar. 10, 12300 Steiner Rd., Plymouth, 209/245-4455

SOLOMON DUBNICK GALLERY, *"Old & New Friends* - No. Cal. Artists by Kurt Fishback, thru Feb 15; Watercolor and Bronze Sculpture by Jerald Silva, Feb 20 - Mar. 29; *"Brand New Funk"* by David Gilhooly & Paul Di Pasqua, May 1 - 31; Ceramics by Tony Natsoulas, Paintings & Ceramics by Maija Peeples, Jun. 4 - 28; Introductions 1997, Jul 3 - Aug. 2; Creative Obsession by Stuart Buehler & Don Reich, New Works by Gary Pruner, Nov. 6 - 29, 1997, New Works by Irving Marcus, Jan. 8 - 31, 1998; New works by Jack Ogden, Feb. 4 - 28, 1998, 2131 Northrop Ave., 920-4547

UNIVERSITY UNION EXHIBITS, *"Captured by the Grid,"* Cleide Sander Group; Oil and acrylic, University Union Exhibit Lounge, CSUS, 6000 J St.

VIEWPOINT GALLERY, Classic Processes Current Views thru Feb. 14, 551 Sequoia Pacific Blvd., 441-2341

YERBA BUENA GARDENS CENTER FOR THE ARTS, *"The Hall Of Fame Hall Of Fame",* thru Feb. 23, 701
Mission St. S.F., 415/978-ARTS

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MASTER CALENDAR

National Black L/G Leadership Forum 10th Anniv. Conference,	Feb. 13 - 17, 1997
Int'l Bear Rendezvous, S.F., 415/541-5000,	Feb. 21 - 24, 1997
Paulette Jacobson's 50th Birthday Party For Lesbian Breast Cancer,	IFeb. 22 & 23, 1997
SWING (Skiing With Int'l Gays), Swiss Alps, Write: Wagnerwag 8 8810 Horgen Switzerland,	Mar. 15 - 22
MoonSisters Drum Camp, Sausalito California, 510/547-8386,	Apr. 4 - 6, 1997
Sac. Men's Chorus Spring Concert, 484-4166,	Apr. 12 & 13, 1997
Sac. AIDS Foundation Academy Awards Gala, 448-2437,	Apr.l 24, 1997
AIDS Dance-O-Rama, 863-3727,	Apr. 26, 1997

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Vacation Rentals

Edgewater Resort
Attention gay and lesbian parents: Are you ready to have fun during Spring Break with the kids? March 24th - 30th is KIDS CLUB MED WEEK! Call for information/reservations: (800) 396-6224. x2/15

Cozy Sierra Foothill Cottage
For Women: Relax and rejuvenate in fully equipped cottage with woodstove, jacuzzi, tall pines. Close to Nevada City, Yuba River, skiing. $60. Brochure available. (916) 272-3531. x3/15

Trade?
Will trade vacation home for yours for week or weekend. Sleeps 6, on Clearlake, pier and boat ramp. Fully equipped. 753-0424. tfn

Volunteer

MGW wants You !
Have too much free time on your hands? Tired of hanging out in environments that are too 'straight and narrow'? MGW is looking for responsible volunteers to help out in the office during weekdays. Come on in and join the fun! 441-6396. tfn

Wanted

Old Cameras
Old cameras wanted for decorating MGW offices. 441-6397. tfn

Other

Russian Friend
Honest, attractive, communicative, romantic, aggressive, and full of love. Short black hair, eyes. 31/174 cm/68 kg. Athletic body, educated and healthy. I don't smoke, drink or take drugs. Seek young man to 32 y.o., honest and handsome, sincere and secure. Possible visit, relationship. Your photo gets mine. P.O. Box 72, Moscow 123060 Russia. x2/1

Meet Hot Men
Men's best meeting place. 1-900-443-5780, Ext. 4462. $2.99/min. 18+yrs. Serv-U (619)848-0070.

VALENTINE GREETINGS

Steven H
Please be my Valentine. I have waited a lifetime to meet a man like you. Love, Michael R. x2/1

Pierre, Pierre
AKA Kitty Carlysle: You're as handsome today as that charmed day we met in Denver in 1982. Through thick and thick, you've been there for me. Happy Valentine's Day. Amour, Etienne. x2/1

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Raley's:
President Charles L. Collins is on the Board of the Family Research Institute (Paul Cameron's scientists group) with Lou Sheldons's Traditional Family Values. During Sacramento County hearings several years ago regarding AIDS, they testified against having gays work for them.

Burger King:
National owner has donated large sums to anti-gay and fundamentalist far right religious zealots. Local owner Joe Lal destroyed Sac. News & Review's papers and newsstands in 1994 because of Gay & Lesbian personal ads.

Carl's Jr.:
Owner Karl Karcher has donated large sums to anti-gay causes.

Curran, Hitomi Marketing Agency:
Owner Marilyn Curran wrote to MGW and demanded to be taken off the PR mailing list. MGW routinely mails copies of the newspaper to all ad agencies.

Calvary Christian Center:
Rev. Phillip G. Goudeaux is active in hate with Rev. Lou Sheldon.

Lithographics:
16th & J St. Owner refused to work with Joan Greenfields' First Blush Lesbian Greeting Cards.

Capitol Christian Center:
Rev. Glen Cole stands in the ranks with Lou Sheldon's Traditional Values Coalition.

Call **MGW NEWSPAPER** if you have evidence of other local and national businesses that have discriminated against gay and lesbians.

441-6397

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BUSINESS DIRECTORY LISTINGS: A professional guide which includes only business name, address and telephone number. Cost: $15/issue. Ads placed under contract are invoiced monthly.

PERSONALS: Please use the FREE Voice Personal coupon located in the back of MGW Newspaper.

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- ☐ Employment
- ☐ For Rent
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MEN SEEKING MEN

CIAO BELLA MR. BUTCH
Goodlooking Brn/Brn GWM, 25, 6'1", 180, seeking GHM,GWM for fun or relationship? Into history, art, romance, cuddling, documentaries. Seeking dominant mate , that likes to love. Must be 35 or younger . Must be attractive. (3/1) ✆ 1692

FRIENDS FIRST
SWM 6'4" 175lbs, brn, hazel. New to area, left cars with ex. Like garage sales, quiet evenings, super clean. Have small, very loving dog. I live in McKinley Park area, friends first. (3/15) ✆1697

MASCULINE IMAGE
Good attitude, strong values, healthy, hairy, non-smoker, 40ish, sports-minded, professional. You: non-scene to mid 40's, all of the above and more. Seeking LTR. Hairy blonds, redheads an option plus. No bi-curious or professional ad answerers. (3/15) ✆1698

PROACTIVE LIFE, INACTIVE PRIVATE LIFE
Couldn't wait for life partner. New business in Sierra, great shape, masculine, outdoor sports. 32 WM, 6', 180, adventurous, soulful. Need similar guy who shares similar traits& can teach more. Sex required, male experience not. No hopefuls. (3/15) ✆1699

BEAR SEEKS BEAR
Sincere guy 50, 5'10", 240lbs, looking to meet sincere chubby guy for friendship and more. Prefer masculine types. (3/15) ✆1700

OVER HERE!!
German GWM, 6'3", 180lbs, 18, blond/green is looking for that fun guy 18-25 around 6'-6'5". No drugs/cigarettes and straight-acting a +. Don't sit around, get that phone and call now! LTR possible if you're the guy. (3/15) ✆1703

SEEKING HOT RELATIONSHIP
GWM 43, 5'10", 185 in shape. I feel like I am 30, look 36, HIV- WLTM GWM 25-35 with good body build, in shape, who is working. Please no games. (3/15) ✆1702

COUNTRY MAN
GWM looking for same. I am handsome, versatile, (mild to wild) fun, horse, large dog and more. (2/15) ✆1687

SEEKING YOUNG GUYS
Looking for young men 18-25 who like dating older men. Me : 41 GWM. WLTM young men who are tall. thin. have long hair, and are well-endowed. You be willing to meet and do serious playing around. (1/30) ✆1677

7 IS HEAVEN
Kidnap me. Take me hostage. Latin, attractive, 5'8", 150lbs college student with Brn/brn, ht/wt proportionate, works out. Looking for male ht/wt proportionate age 21-27 SCC-CSUS student to share warm quiet evenings at home. Maybe LTR. Goatees ok 2! (2/15) ✆1686

INEXPERIENCED 20YO GWM
I'm 5'11", 175lbs, blond hair, blue eyes, Hiv-. I enjoy working on cars and playing full contact sports. I'm seeking an attractive, Hiv-, GWM who enjoys spending time with men in their own age group. (1/30) ✆1672

SEEKING QUALITY MAN
Sincere GWM, 6'2", 185lbs, 33, blond/blue, professional is seeking another quality guy who's tired of the games and is looking for more than one-nighters. I'm outgoing, adventurous, & romantic. If interested, be daring and call. (1/30) ✆1673

IT'S TIME...
I've been living alone too many years. Need a buddy to share the everyday and special things. Me: 45yo, 5'9", 170lbs, red hair, blue eyes, beard & moustache. You : 35-50, any race. Height, weight proportionate. (1/30) ✆1674

PROFESSIONAL YOUNG MAN
Sexy bodybuilder, very attractive, seeks stable, secure, straight-acting young guy for LTR. Must be not-your-average gay. I am athletically masculine. You be too. You like movies, walks, coffee shops, the Zone, and sports. You have swimmer's build. (1/30) ✆1678

YOUNG HISPANIC
BiWM 35, young thinking & acting, would like to give relaxing massage to 18-22 HM. Friendship also. You teach me spanish too. (1/30) ✆1679

IT COULD WORK !
Attractive, teenage-looking BiWM, 25yo, 135lbs, 5'9", short brn/grn, straight acting. Value affection/friendship over sex. Seeking slender, non-femme, cool younger WM under 24 to hang with/date, maybe more later. Curious ok. Enjoy outdoors, dancing and more. Citrus Heights area. (1/30) ✆1676

SWM
SW Male, goodlooking (40), 5'7", 170lbs. Living in Bush Alaska, looking for same (25-40), Hiv-, similar interests of dog sled racing, fishing, hunting, writing, Arctic tundra, and lifestyle. (2/15) ✆1684

BIG GENTLE BEAR
GWM, 40, 6', 260lbs, stocky & strong, overeducated white guy seeks creative, playful, handsome & fun loving GM's & BiM's for mutual pleasure, friendship, and possible relationship. (2/15) ✆1685

HOLD HANDS
Share a sweet GWM, early 40's look young 30's, 200 solid/stocky Libs, 5'11", bearded, masculine, brwn/blu looking to meet Bi/GWM 20-40 who enjoys music, laughter, good food, life. Seeking men in Auburn, Sac, Placerville area.UB, NS, stable, employed, masculine-straight OK 3/1 ✆1694

GWM 31
WLTM young black boys 18-30. UB tall, big in size and serious minded in meeting and playing. Serious callers only. Me 31 GWM and very willing. 3/1 ✆1690

OLD AND HANDY
GWM 50, masculine, furry, good-looking, good shape, and adventuresome. WLTM other masculine, experienced men my age or older. For mutual exploration. Couples at. (1/30) ✆1681

LESBIANS SEEKING LESBIANS

GREAT SMILE!
SBF 5'10" 136 Fun, loving, outgoing, attractive, intelligent, honest student. Loves basketball and kids. UB 21-30yo trustworthy monogamous, N/D N/S, HT/WT proportionate soft butch/femme. (3/15) ✆1695

LONELY IN SACRAMENTO
How do you meet women in Sacramento? GF WLTM GF 30-40, honest, secure with self, athletic. I am all the above plus strong, sweet, sexy and full of good surprises. Any race, no bi's, deposit is required for children :-) (3/15) ✆1696

BE MY VALENTINE
57 year-old GWF in search of GF 45-60 to share life, love, friendship and happiness for a LTR. I'm a bass fishing addict, enjoy the outdoors but also enjoy quiet times, a good bottle of wine, Dungeness crab, cooking and cuddling. I'm not a dyke or a femme, just me. If any of these interests appeal to you, please give me a call. (3/15) ✆1704

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Looking for love in all the wrong places? Old cliche? You or me? SAF, 40ish, looking for adventure, honesty sincerity and intelligence. Is that too much to ask? Tell me you exist. (3/1) ✆1693

"WE'VE GOT TO STOP MEETING LIKE THIS."
Singles bars? Blind dates? Place a free ad in the personals. And start meeting like this. Call 1-900-896-2748. tfn

NEWLY SINGLE
Trying to get through the holidays with a smile on my face. If you are a soft, handsome, butch type lady, 35+ and have dark hair, call me. I'm already smiling just dreaming about you...(1/30) ✆1675

JUST FRIENDS

CURIOUS AT WFDC
M.Johnson, see you around WFDC when you come to make deliveries. If you see ad, let me know, interested in possible friendship (3/1) ✆1689

BI ENCOUNTERS/ VARIATIONS

GENERATION X
SBBiM, 23, looking to venture outside of Vallejo. ISO 21-30 y/o who are into the club scene. (2/15) ✆1688

FLIRTATIOUS BI DAY
Curious Bi night. Fun and adventurous 20yr, Bi-curious, college student. Brn/brn, 5'1 ht proportionate, mature, and feminine. No kids, butches, etc... (2/15) ✆1683

I SAW YOU

ANNETTE
I met you at the Melissa Etheridge concert. We were to meet again at Faces. By the time I got there the line was too long. Couldn't get in. I would love to see you again. Call me. -Marci- (3/1) ✆1691

MGW/DGW AD OF THE WEEK

Need a Massage!

X-jock (pro) looking for a full body massage. I have worked hard with my body all my life. I need and love when my body is massaged. My over-worked muscles can sure use your hard work. W/M, please call. (3/15) ✆1701

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MGW/DGW FREE Voice Personals

DEADLINE: TUESDAY at noon

By fax: 916.441.6422 ▪ By mail or in person: 1725 L Street., Sacramento, CA 95814

1 Please print your ad here:
7-word minimum for all classified ads.
Headlines are FREE this week!

Headline (2 or 3 words)

Use additional sheet of paper if necessary

2 Select a category:
- ❑ Men Seeking Men
- ❑ Lesbians Seeking Lesbians
- ❑ Couples Seeking Couples
- ❑ Just Friends
- ❑ I Saw You
- ❑ Bi Encounters/Variations
- ❑ Straight Seeking

3 Payments:

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IMPORTANT: Include full name, address & daytime phone number. MGW/DGW will not accept ad without this information; it will be kept strictly confidential.

4 Name: _____ Address: _____
Daytime Phone: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Suggestions
- A "word" is any group of letters or number surrounded by spaces. For a term containing a hyphen (-) or a slash(/), count 2 words if the term exceeds 8 characters (including the hyphen or slash).
- Do not write your ad only in capital letters.

Policies
- All MGW/DGW ads get a FREE number. (Sorry, no personal telephone numbers, addresses or post office box numbers.)
- No ads accepted containing explicit sexual references or crude language.
- 20% service charge assessed on refunds for cancelled ads.
- We reserve the right to abbreviate, edit, categorize, or refuse ads submitted for publication.
- MGW/DGW Voice Personals are intended for adults seeking a romantic relationship. Sexually oriented ads will appear in DGW only.

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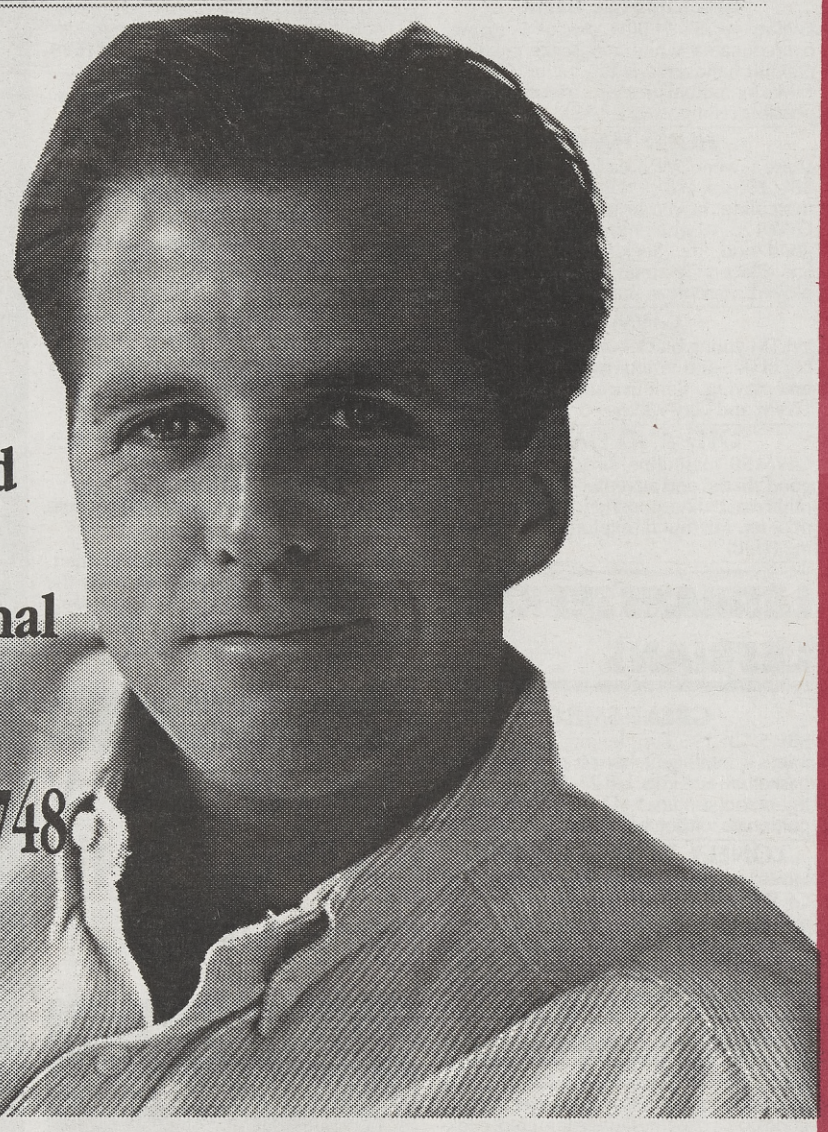

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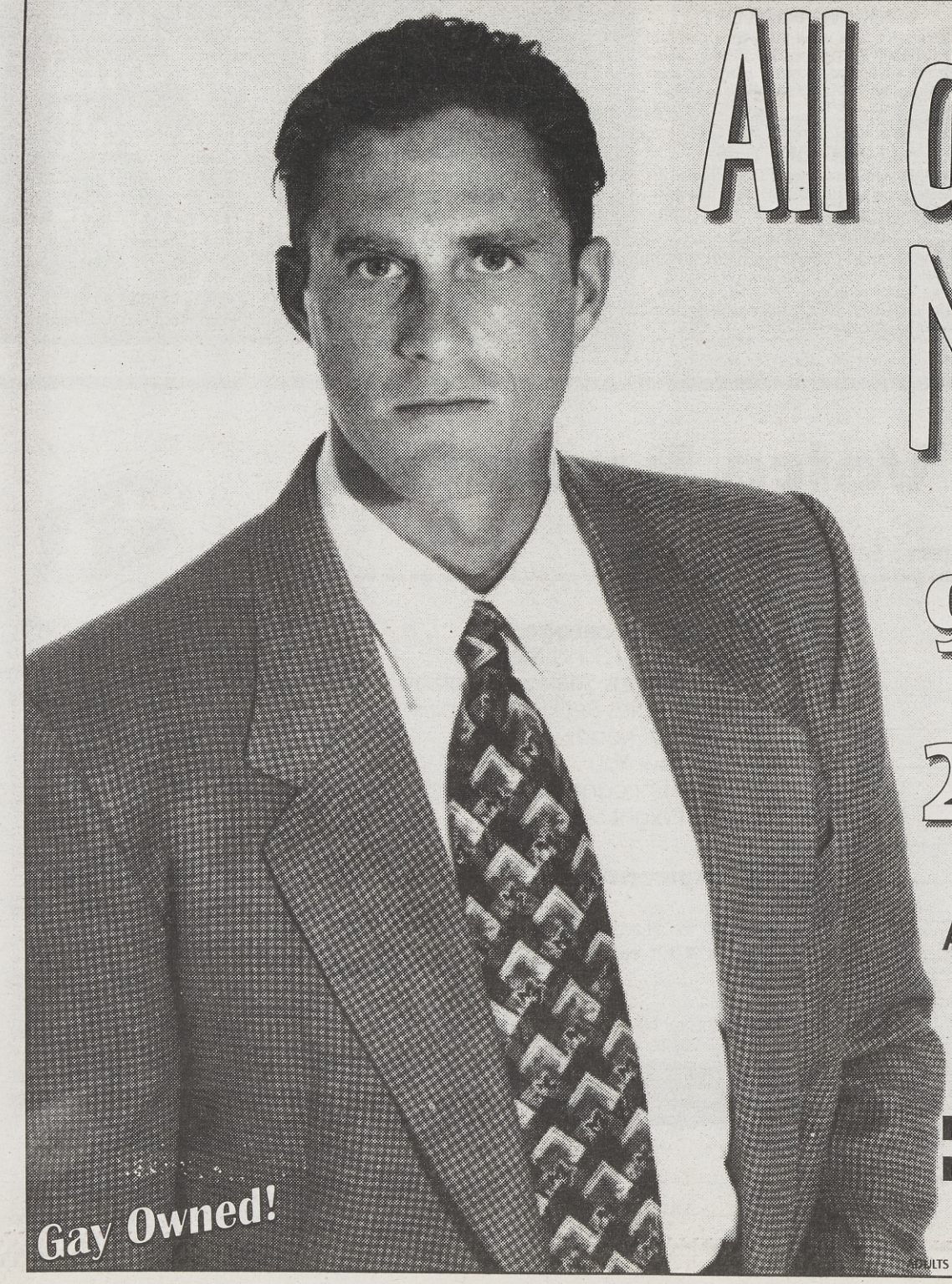

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